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CalPIA Board kills their General Facilities Maintenance and Repair (GFMR) Program - December 30, 2019

After nearly two years of a rocky and underperforming existence, the GFMR program has been terminated.

It started nearly two years ago, despite heated objections and protests from IUOE Unit 12. Initially, it was characterized as a training program for inmates to learn very basic construction skills, but as it progressed it evolved into a quasi-plant operation program for the CalPIA facilities at the CDCR institutions, thus ultimately infringing on the workers in the CDCR plant operation who normally would be responsible for maintenance work orders.

The Program created a lot of friction between the CalPIA workers who were responsible for administering it and training the inmates and the CDCR plant operation workers.

Several months ago, IUOE Unit 12 representatives met with the new CalPIA Director, Scott Walker to discuss all of the failings of the program, most importantly the negative impact it was having on our CDCR plant operation members and the long list of lies we were told since its inception. Mr. Walker listened to our concerns and told us he would look into them.

We would like to thank Mr. Walker for listening to us and realizing the shortcomings of the program.

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