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	AL11953279	A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING _____	11/04/2019

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A 000	Initial Comments An unannounced monitoring visit was conducted on at The Palms of Punta Gorda, an assisted living facility in Punta Gorda, Florida. Class I level imminent danger was identified at A-152 Physical Plant - Safe Living Environment. The facility improperly installed a temporary generator on without county permitting and created a hazardous situation. The administrator was informed of the imminent danger determination on at 4:45 p.m. The following is a description of the deficient practice.	A 000		
A 152	59A-36.014(3) FAC Physical Plant - Safe Living Environ/Other (3) OTHER REQUIREMENTS. (a) All facilities must: 1. Provide a safe living environment pursuant to section 429.28(1)(a), F.S.; 2. Be maintained free of hazards; and, 3. Ensure that all existing architectural, mechanical, electrical and structural systems, and appurtenances are maintained in good working order. (b) Pursuant to section 429.27, F.S., residents must be given the option of using their own belongings as space permits. When the facility supplies the furnishings, each resident bedroom or sleeping area must have at least the following furnishings: 1. A clean, comfortable bed with a mattress no less than 36 inches wide and 72 inches long, with the top surface of the mattress at a comfortable to ensure easy access by the resident, 2. A closet or wardrobe space for hanging clothes,	A 152		

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A 152	Continued From page 1 3. A dresser, ... or other furniture designed for storage of clothing or personal effects, 4. A table or nightstand, bedside lamp or floor lamp, and waste basket; and, 5. A comfortable chair, if requested. (c) The facility must maintain master or duplicate keys to resident bedrooms to be used in the event of an emergency. (d) Residents who use portable bedside commodes must be provided with privacy during use. (e) Facilities must make available linens and personal laundry services for residents who require such services. Linens provided by a facility must be free of tears, stains and must not be . This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on a review of the facility records, observations during the monitor visit, and interviews with the staff, the facility failed to ensure it was free from hazards, and the electrical system was in safe working order. These failures have the potential for imminent danger leading to complete electrical failure in the event of an power outage and the potential for injury to residents, staff, and visitors due to an unsafe installation. The findings included: On at 8:45 a.m., record review of the documentation revealed the facility did not obtain a county electrical permit to connect the temporary generator to the electrical switchgear. The facility did not currently have a permanent generator capable of powering the fire safety systems and temperature control. In an interview on at 9:15 a.m., in	A 152		

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A 152	Continued From page 2 accordance with 59A-36.025 Emergency Environmental Control for Assisted Living Facilities, the administrator said they had an approved extension, however the extension expired on . . . . . . In an interview on . . . . at 9:20 a.m., the maintenance director said the facility has been unable to obtain approval for their Emergency Power Plan (EPP). The facility was cited for Emergency Environmental Control during the complaint survey on and recited during the follow-ups on . . . . and again on . . . . . Interviews during those surveys revealed the EPP could not be approved by the county due to lack of a generator. Observations of the temporary generator on . . . . at approximately 10:00 a.m. revealed the following: 1. Generator was 8 . . . 1 inch from the building rather than a minimum 10 required by rule; 2. Generator was on incline ramp with the hitch unsecured, and rocks were used for wheel chocks; 3. The electrical wires between the generator and the switchgear box were lying on the ground in disarray, like spaghetti. The electrical wires were then draped over the natural gas meter and pipes, looped over a gutter downspout, and wrapped around the switchgear box. The wires entered the box from the bottom and the opening had not been sealed (allowing for entrance of vermin); 4. There was no fire extinguisher in proximity; 5. There was no emergency shut-off for the generator; 6. The generator trailer itself obstructed the	A 152		

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A 152	Continued From page 3 kitchen emergency exit; 7. The fuel trailer was located in the parking lot, on an incline with rocks for wheel chocks. Like the generator, the hitch was unsecured. Photographic Evidence Obtained. On . . . the Punta Gorda Fire Department issued a unsatisfactory fire safety inspection for unauthorized portable generator and fuel storage. The Violation Notice included the conditions " , interfere with operation of the Fire Department." The Notice stated: "The current location of the portable generator compromises building occupants safety and exit egress. None of the equipment is properly tied down. Electrical wiring is not installed in accordance with fire and electrical codes." Class I	A 152		