




**U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement**

May 31, 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR: Tae Johnson
Assistant Director, Custody Management

THROUGH: Jay Brooks
Deputy Assistant Director, Detention Management Division

FROM: Daniel A. Bible 
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SUBJECT: Environmental Health and Safety Waiver Request

Purpose

Review a waiver for the Salt Lake City, Las Vegas ERO Sub-office (SLC/LVG) as it relates to Environmental Health and Safety, Part 3, Sub-Section L, 4, b&c, Environmental Health and Safety within the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS), which states, "b. Detainees will be evacuated during fire drills, except in areas where security would be jeopardized or in medical areas where patient health could be jeopardized or, in individual cases when evacuation of patients is logistically not feasible. Staff- simulated drills will take place instead in the areas where detainees are not evacuated. c. Emergency-key drills will be included in each fire drill, and timed. Emergency keys will be drawn and used by the appropriate staff to unlock one set of emergency exit doors not in daily use."

Background

On August 13, 2015, the City of Henderson Detention Center (HDC) was inspected by the Office of the Detention Oversight. As a result of this inspection, the aforementioned deficiency was noted.

Discussion

HDC emergency exit doors lead to the exterior of the facility which has no secure perimeter surrounding the structure. This poses a safety risk to the general public and opportunity for the detainee to escape. HDC simulates the key draw and the fire drill.

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Recommendation

I recommend that you approve a waiver to Environmental Health and Safety, Part 3, Sub-Section L, 4, b&c, Environmental Health and Safety within the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS), which states, "b. Detainees will be evacuated during fire drills, except in areas where security would be jeopardized or in medical areas where patient health could be jeopardized or, in individual cases when evacuation of patients is logistically not feasible. Staff- simulated drills will take place instead in the areas where detainees are not evacuated. c. Emergency-key drills will be included in each fire drill, and timed. Emergency keys will be drawn and used by the appropriate staff to unlock one set of emergency exit doors not in daily use."

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