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SUBJECT: Waiver for Sally Port in the Special Management Unit Entrance

Purpose

Provide a waiver for the Laredo Detention Center (LDC) as it relates to the Security Inspections in Detention Facilities, section (III)(D)(4)(a) within the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS), which states "Every Special Management Unit (SMU) entrance in regular use will have a sally port."

Background

LDC is a 400 bed Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA) facility, located in Laredo, Texas. LDC houses approximately 294 ICE detainees daily for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

On June 5-7, 2012, the Nakamoto Group, Inc. (MGT) conducted a Compliance Inspection of LDC for areas of non-compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards. The MGT review found that there is no sally port at the Special Management Unit (SMU) entrance. This deficiency was cited during the ERO 2012 annual inspection.

Discussion

Due to the physical plant structure of the facility, it would be impractical to accommodate a retrofitted sally port vestibule for the entrance to the SMU. The existing facility cannot be

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modified without substantial structural building changes. The modification would result in excessively high expenditures for the renovation of the facility.

The SMU has four (4) individual cells, the quarters are well ventilated, adequately lit, appropriately heated and maintained in a sanitary condition at all times. The facility has not been presented with any issues that they have not been able to address appropriately.

Recommendation

I recommend that a waiver to NDS section (III) (D) (4) (a) be approved to allow LDC to continue using the current SMU. If circumstances change, this waiver can be amended or rescinded at any time.

Approve/date pmc 12/3/12 Disapprove/date \_\_\_\_\_  
Modify/date \_\_\_\_\_ Needs more discussion \_\_\_\_\_