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SUBJECT: Floor Drains in Hold Rooms

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to request a waiver for the El Paso Processing Center (EPC) as it relates to Section (V)(A)(7) of the ICE standard on *Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities*, which states that "each hold room shall have floor drains(s)." The EPC was established in 1967. The EPC processing building, in which the hold rooms are located, was built in 1996, before implementation of the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) on September 20, 2000, and does not have floor drains in its hold rooms.

Background

On December 8-9, 2010, the Office of Detention Oversight (ODO) conducted a follow-up inspection of the 900-bed EPC for areas of non-compliance with the ICE 2008 Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS). The ODO inspection of the hold rooms revealed that they do not have floor drains and this was cited as a violation of the PBNDS. This reference, which is based on the "ICE/DRO Hold Room Design Guide" implemented as part of the 2000 NDS, applies to the design of facilities after September 20, 2000, and is not retroactive to previously existing facility structures.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of this waiver for EPC because the facility was designed and built prior to implementation of the design guide standards and NDS.

Approve/date 3/24/11 Disapprove/date _____

Modify/date _____ Needs more discussion _____

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