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MEMORANDUM FOR: Tae D. Johnson
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THROUGH: Jay M. Brooks
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FROM: Walter P. LeRoy
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SUBJECT: Alamance County Jail, North Carolina – Waiver Request

Purpose

To provide a waiver for the Atlanta Field Office, Alamance County Detention Center (ACDC), relating to the Environmental Health and Safety Standard in Detention Facilities, Section (III) (P) (1) within the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS), which states the “facility shall have a separate barbering room with running water. Both hot and cold water will be available, and the hot water will be capable of maintaining a constant flow of water between 105 degrees and 120 degrees.”

Background

On May 24th, 2012, ODO Compliance Inspection of the ACDC, reported Barbering at ACDC is conducted in a dedicated room with no water access.

Discussion

A corrective action is not available because ACDC does not have any space in the Detention Center that can provide the required barbering room with running water. ACDC claims they use a certified North Carolina (NC) barber approved by the NC Board within NC Statue 86, as it relates to sanitation. This includes using a solution of 50% alcohol, 5% carbolic acid, 20% formaldehyde, 10% Lysol, or other product the board approves. This solution is used before the use of any razors, tweezers, combs, contact cup or pad, and any other barbering instruments. It does not appear the ACDC will have a separate barbering room with running water in the near future.

Recommendation

I recommend authorization of a waiver for Alamance County Detention Center (ACDC), relating to the Environmental Health and Safety Standard in Detention Facilities, Section (III)

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(P) (1) within the 2000 NDS, due to comparable sanitation procedures used during the barbering process.

Approve / date jmb 10/1/12

Disapprove / date _____

Modify / date _____

Needs more discussion _____