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MEMORANDUM FOR: Tae D. Johnson  
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THROUGH: Jay M. Brooks  
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FROM: Thomas C. Finley  
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SUBJECT: Frederick County Detention Center, MD – Waiver Request

Purpose:

Provide a waiver for the Baltimore Field Office as it relates to the Environmental Health and Safety Standard in Detention Facilities, Section (III) (O) within the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS) which states "Biweekly test of the emergency electrical generator will last one hour."

Background:

A February 20, 2013, ODO Quality Assurance Review of the Frederick County Detention Center reported that the Frederick County Detention Center's emergency power generator is not checked bi-weekly for an hour as required by the NDS.

Discussion:

Frederick County Detention Center in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions load test their emergency power generator weekly for 30 minutes. Failure to follow manufacturer's instructions may void the warranty.

Recommendation:

I recommend authorization of a waiver for Frederick County Detention Center for NDS Environmental Health and Safety in Detention Facilities, Section (III) (O) the facility is weekly load testing the emergency generator for 30 minutes as required by the manufacturer to properly maintain the equipment. NDS calls for bi-weekly testing for one hour. Either way the emergency generator is being tested for 2 hours in a four week period.

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Date Modified \_\_\_\_\_

Jay M Brooks 5/29/13 Date Not Authorized \_\_\_\_\_  
Needs more discussion \_\_\_\_\_

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