

November 19, 2021

TO: [REDACTED]  
Acting Assistant Director Custody Management

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Lead Compliance Inspector  
The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the South Louisiana Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the South Louisiana Detention Center in Basile, Louisiana during the period of November 17-19, 2021. This is an IGSA facility.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of [REDACTED] Lead Compliance Inspector. Team Members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Security	
Medical Care	
Medical Care	
Safety	

### **Type of Inspection**

This is an annual inspection which was performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011 for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the December 2020 inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The South Louisiana Detention Center is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - Yes
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) - Yes
- The Joint Commission (TJC) - No
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - No

### **Standards Compliance**

The following information is a summary of the standards that were reviewed and overall compliance that was determined as a result of the 2020 and 2021 annual inspections:

<i>2020 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

<i>2021 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	41
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

The inspection team identified one (1) deficient component in the following one (1) standard:

Food Service - 1

#### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The South Louisiana Detention Center is owned and operated by The Geo Group, Inc. (GEO) who has an intergovernmental services agreement (IGSA) with Evangeline Parish. The facility is located in a rural area on the outskirts of Basile, Louisiana. The [REDACTED]-bed facility houses female ICE detainees of all classification levels. [REDACTED]

The facility, located in rural Basile, Louisiana on 25 acres, is secured by an outer perimeter security fence equipped with eight rolls of razor wire and a microwave shaker system. The exterior building consists of the administration building, which also houses the on-site ICE staff, and a separate warehouse and maintenance building. The interior compound is comprised of five housing units, a medical unit, kitchen and dining hall combination, laundry, central control and five courtrooms. The interior compound also contains a large and small recreation yard and is enclosed with a canopied walkway. Detainees are housed in dormitories providing a large amount of open dayroom areas for socializing, watching television, using the electronic tablets for video visitation, video chatting, messaging, playing games, and watching movies. They also participate in outdoor recreational activities daily. Food service operations are provided in a dining hall with a seating capacity of [REDACTED] serving three hot meals per day under the direction of a licensed registered dietician.

The facility staff was professional in appearance and demeanor, and those interviewed possessed a working knowledge of the standards as they applauded to their duties. The atmosphere of the facility was calm and relaxed. Detainees and staff were observed interacting in a cordial and professional manner.

During the inspection, fifteen private and confidential interviews were conducted with detainees including five with LEP detainees by a bilingual inspector. All detainees stated that they felt safe in the facility. Two detainees expressed concern about the food being spicy and served cold. The safety SME followed up by eating a noon meal in the cafeteria and found the food tasty and served at appropriate temperature. None of the detainees had placed a telephone call to the OIG office to express their concern.

The facility is climate controlled and appeared to be in good repair. The sanitation level of the facility was average.

Detainee telephone service is provided by DTS Contractor (Talton). Medical services are provided by GEO Care. The facility does not charge a co-pay for medical services.





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The facility has developed a COVID-19 plan to limit exposures/infections. All newly admitted detainees are on COHORT status for fourteen days. During the inspection there were two ICE detainees that had tested positive for COVID-19 and were in quarantine. Two additional housing units were on COHORT status.

### **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

This was a hybrid inspection with two inspectors working remotely. Three inspectors were on-site. The remote inspectors (security and medical SMEs) were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility but were able to review files and documentation.

The facility achieves optimal compliance with a number of standard requirements including meeting NCCHC standards in Medical Care, Medical Care (Women), Terminal Illness, Advance Directives and Death, and Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention as well as providing adequate space and staffing for ICE tele-health systems; telephone access by providing one telephone for every ten detainees as well as specialized video equipment for deaf and hard of hearing detainees; and recreation for detainees in disciplinary segregation of one hour per day seven days a week.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty-one (41) standards were found to Meet Standards.

### **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings are accurately and completely documented on the G324 Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. A telephonic out brief was conducted at the facility. In addition to the Nakamoto Group Inspection Team, the following were present:

- Facility Staff: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lead Compliance Inspector  
Printed Name of LCI

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