

January 10, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

# SUBJECT: Annual Detention Inspection of the Coastal Bend Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2008) of the Coastal Bend Detention Center in Robstown, Texas during the period of January 8-10, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of **Constant and Compliance Inspector**. Team members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Security	
Detainee Rights	
Medical Care	
Safety	
Medical Care	

## **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2008 for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the January 2017 annual inspection.

#### **Inspection Summary**

The Coastal Bend Detention Center is currently accredited by:

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

#### **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 2018 and 2019 PBNDS 2008 compliance annual inspections:



2017 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

2018 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

#### Facility Snapshot/Description

The Coastal Bend Detention Center is owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. The facility is located in Robstown, TX approximately thirty miles north of Corpus Christi, TX. The complex was built in 2008.

ICE detainees are segregated from non-ICE detainee populations in their housing and activities. Housing is governed by compatible custody levels. The facility does not house juveniles.

The compound is a 25-acre plot containing four separate buildings interconnected with covered walkways watched by central control and post personnel. A network of 151 monitored and recorded surveillance cameras augment internal security and observation efforts. The entire perimeter is surrounded by dual twelve-foot chain-link fences supplemented with razor ribbon, top and bottom. Select top sections of the interior fence are enhanced with electric stun barrier fencing. The perimeter is encircled by a paved road patrolled by an armed vehicle officer 24 hours a day. The entire perimeter is monitored by surveillance cameras.

The facility consists of four sixteen bed dormitories, two 48 bed dormitories, sixteen eight bed dormitories and 64 two-bed cells for ICE detainee housing. The facility is ADA compliant and has at least one handicapped accessible cell in each housing unit.

Each detainee housing unit has a dayroom area with tables and chairs, a television viewing area, a telephone bank and ample showers and wash basins. Each housing unit has access to an indoor/outdoor recreation area, which is available seven days a week. Medical services are provided by GEO Medical. ICE detainees are not charged medical co-pay fees. All other services are provided by GEO Group employees.

Interviews with 34 ICE detainees in group and individual encounters revealed no substantive concerns. All of the detainees were content and, if not working, were filling their time with dayroom board games and outdoor recreation. Detainees were free to approach the inspection team. Facility employees are polite, informed and comfortable in their roles. Their interactions with all detainees were unrestrained and had no airs of deference or compulsion. Their responses to stated detainee concerns were direct with no promises of outcome. Adherence to the daily schedule is consistent. All movement is escorted. During the inspection overall sanitation levels were satisfactory.

Per the OIC and command staff, the April 2018 initiation of an ICE on-site presence in the facility has expedited ICE detainees' answers to questions about their immigration status and/or casework concerns.



### Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no concerns registered on any of the standard's components.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards. The facility complies with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2008). No (0) standards were rated as Does Not Meet Standards and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-nine (39) standards were found to be in compliance.

#### LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of compliance and non-compliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324A Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. An out brief was conducted at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

<ul> <li>ICE Officials –</li> <li>Facility Staff –</li> </ul>	
, Lead Compliance Inspector	January 10, 2019
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