

January 31, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Detention Inspection of the Port Isabel Service Processing Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 of the Port Isabel Service Processing Center in Los Fresnos, TX, during the period of January 29-31, 2019. This is a SPC.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of 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 2011 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the January 2018 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Port Isabel Service Processing 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) 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 2011 compliance annual inspections:



2018 Inspection	
Meets Standards	42
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	0

2019 Inspection	
Meets Standards	42
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	0

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

Personal Hygiene - 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Port Isabel Detention Center is a Service Processing Center operated by ICE personnel and contract Ahtna security/detention personnel under the general oversight of the OIC, who is employed by ICE. The center is located in the tip of southern Texas near the Gulf of Mexico coast about 150 miles south of Corpus Christi and twenty miles north of the Mexico border. The center houses adult male and female ICE detainees of all classification levels.

The center sits on a tract of 262 acres of native land in an isolated setting. The original physical plant was built in 1940; it was originally a U.S. Navy airfield. The center repurposed the land and its multiple remote buildings to serve as a detention facility. The entire acreage is surrounded by a twelve-foot chain-link fence with the inner secure perimeter of the tract defined by dual twelve-foot chain link fences separated by ten feet enhanced with razor ribbon strung along the top and bottom of both fencing runs. The compound is further secured by a 408-surveillance camera network, armed patrol officers encircling the perimeter 24 hours a day and movement officers posted at interior crosswalks and other key locations. All exterior building doors inside the secure perimeter are alarmed.

The center has four large housing units each divided into four separate dormitory wings, each with sixty beds. The center has one special management unit. It houses male and female segregation status detainees. The remainder of the buildings are used for administrative, support and program services. Travel distances between the buildings are lengthy. The center is maintaining an above average level of cleanliness and sanitation.

Indoor and outdoor recreation is available to all detainees. Detainees have access to televisions, board games, cards, library books and a microwave in the dayrooms. Telephones are provided in the dayrooms and are accessible during posted waking hours. Each housing unit has access to outdoor recreation which is available to all detainees for at least two hours each day. During the inspection, detainees were observed socializing in the dayrooms and recreating in the outdoor yard areas. Detainees have access to vending machines and are permitted to have \$20.00 cash in their possession. There are microwaves in the housing units.



Over forty LEP and English-speaking detainees were interviewed in either public or confidential settings. The language line was used during some of these encounters. Detainees were comfortable speaking with the inspectors and did not register any substantive complaints. The Ahtna detention personnel and ICE staff have frequent interaction with the detainees. Detainees voiced no pressing concerns and, when questioned, were satisfied with their living conditions, access to programs and activities and treatment by all staff. Observations of staff administering their shift duties revealed a polite and polished regulation of the daily schedule. Their interactions with the detainees was direct, calm and consummate. Detainees freely approached facility staff and the inspection team to converse.

Security services are contracted to Ahtna. Medical services are provided by IHSC. Detainees are not charged medical, dental or mental health co-pay fees.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no areas of concern identified during this inspection.

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) 2011. All forty-two (42) standards were found to be in compliance.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of compliance and noncompliance 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:

•	ICE Officials – , IHSC staff representatives, Complian	nce Team and other department repres	entatives
•	Facility (Ahtna) Staff – department representatives		and other
	, Lead Compliance Inspector	January 31, 2019	
Printed Name	of LCI	Date	