



August 19, 2021

TO: [REDACTED]  
Acting Assistant Director Custody Management

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

SUBJECT: **Pre-Occupancy Inspection of the Cheyenne Mountain Annex**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed a pre-occupancy inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Cheyenne Mountain Annex in Colorado Springs, Colorado during the period of August 17-19, 2021. This is a CDF 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	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]

**Type of Inspection**

This is a pre-occupancy inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011 for Over 72 hour facilities.

**Inspection Summary**

The Cheyenne Mountain Annex 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

**Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Cheyenne Mountain Annex is located in an industrial area of Colorado Springs, Colorado approximately 74 miles south of Aurora, Colorado. The [REDACTED] facility will be operated as an annex to the Aurora ICE Processing Center.



The facility is comprised of two buildings and sits on 2.38 acres. The main physical structure has three floors plus a basement and has 125,000 square feet of operational space. A smaller building serves as the facility armory and lock shop. The facility has dormitory-style rooms holding eight to twelve detainees. The second and third floor have fourteen rooms per side with two sides on each level for a total of 28 rooms on each floor.

The lower level consists of the Medical Department, Food Service, Lecture Hall, Commissary, Barber Shop, Gymnasium, Laundry, Mailroom, Maintenance, Intake, Special Management Unit, Shift Supervisor's Office, Chaplain, and Vocational Education. The first floor consists of Administration, Lobby, Master Control, Roll Call, Visitation, Library/Law Library and a Programs Room.

The facility is surrounded by a fourteen-foot chain link fence topped by a coil of reinforced man barrier wire. The bottom of the fence is secured to metal pipes fastened in concrete. An alarm system is attached to the fence fabric and all perimeter gates and the building roof are monitored by microwave sensor systems.

Indoor and outdoor recreation will be offered. The facility does not have a designated intake/release area or hold rooms. Plans are being developed to convert a large area currently designed as the special management unit into a processing area and hold rooms.

The facility was deactivated in March 2020 at which time the facility was closed; however, maintenance staff make periodic rounds to address any physical plant concerns. The facility was observed to be clean and well maintained. All required inspections were current at the time the facility closed.

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

There is a concern with the beds in some of the detainee housing units. Specifically, beds were observed with storage under each mattress. The beds are constructed of heavy metal with the sleeping surface raising via hydraulic pistons providing access to a property storage area underneath. Failure of the pistons, or lack of attention, may result in serious injury to the user. It is noted that the upper bunks did not have rails, and the whole bed was on casters. It was also noted that the hydraulic pistons could be dismantled and used as a weapon.

Staff state the locker portion of the bed will be secured in a closed position, rails installed, and wheels removed. The beds will also be secured to the wall or floor.

Another concern is that the doors in the six and eight-person rooms swing inward and could easily be blocked. Staff stated that the doors will be removed and the unit will be operated as a dormitory.

The proposed suicide watch/observation room is in the special management unit and it does not meet the requirement of the standards; the room has a handicap sink with a large overhang which can serve as a tie-off point or a jump off area. Staff stated that the sink will be replaced before facility activation.

This inspection was conducted as hybrid. The one remote medical SME was unable to personally observe the practice and procedures of the facility.



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**Recommended Rating and Justification**

This pre-occupancy inspection does not include ratings. Written policy and procedure that address the PBNDS 2011 Standards and the facility handbook have been developed and are being edited to make them specific to this facility. If policy is followed and the safety concerns identified during this inspection are addressed the facility will comply with detention standards and will provide a safe environment for detainees.

**LCI Assurance Statement**

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

- ICE Staff: [REDACTED]
- GEO Staff: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lead Compliance Inspector	August 19, 2021
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Printed Name of LCI	Date

