



August 9, 2018

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the West Texas Detention Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the West Texas Detention Facility in Sierra Blanca, TX, during the period of August 7-9, 2018. 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	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]

### **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Acceptable during the August 2017 annual inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The West Texas Detention Facility is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - No
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) - No
- 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 2017 and 2018 NDS annual inspections:



<b>2017 Annual Inspection</b>	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
At-Risk	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

<b>2018 Annual Inspection</b>	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
At-Risk	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified six (6) deficient components in the following four (4) standards:

- Correspondence and Other Mail—1
- Staff Detainee Communication—2
- Special Management Unit (Administrative Segregation)—2
- Special Management Unit (Disciplinary Segregation)—1

### Facility Snapshot/Description

The West Texas Detention Facility is located in Sierra Blanca, TX, approximately 84 miles southeast of the El Paso International Airport. The facility is owned and operated by LaSalle Corrections whose headquarters is in Ruston, LA. The Hudspeth County Sheriff’s Office has an IGSA with the U. S. Marshals Service (USMS) and ICE houses detainees at the facility under the auspices of that IGSA. [REDACTED]

The facility was constructed in 2004; new construction added [REDACTED] in 2008. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ICE detainees are housed in four Quonset hut style buildings located outside of the main building but within the secure perimeter of the facility. Each Quonset hut contains two dormitories, one on each end of the structure. Seven of the eight dormitories have a capacity of 105 beds and one has a capacity of 109 beds. Each dormitory is under 24-hour direct supervision of an officer. The facility also has a restricted housing unit which contains 24 single bed cells.

Each of the general population housing units for ICE detainees has a dayroom area, two televisions, five telephones, various board games and one microwave oven. Detainees have access to one of five large outdoor recreation yards at least one hour each day.

Numerous detainees were interviewed during the inspection to include seven private and confidential interviews which included both male and female detainees who spoke limited or no English. The detainees voiced no concerns regarding life/safety issues. Detainees were generally satisfied with the interaction, responsiveness and professionalism of facility staff as well as access to medical services, the law library, telephones and recreation. The majority of staff assigned to the facility speak both English and Spanish which facilitates communication amongst the primarily Spanish speaking detainee population.

Some detainees voiced complaints about the quality and quantity of the food. The Safety SME confirmed that the menu and food portions meet the nutritional requirements as approved by a registered dietitian. No problems with food quality were observed; food preferences range widely depending on the country of origin and may account for some of the dissatisfaction with food offerings.



Two of the female detainees interviewed stated they did not have a local handbook. The classification case manager was contacted and provided each of the detainees a handbook.

Sanitation throughout the facility was observed to be average. Overall, the atmosphere at the facility was generally calm with no obvious indicators of high stress.

Health services, with the exception of physicians who provide services via a contract, are provided by LaSalle Corrections. The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care.

Detainee telephone services are provided by Securus Technologies.

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

There were no areas of concern or significant observations.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Acceptable. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS). No (0) standards were found Deficient and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-seven (37) 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-324 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 – [Redacted]
- Facility Staff [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted], Lead Compliance Inspector August 9, 2018  
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Printed Name of LCI Date

