



The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

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TO: [Redacted]  
Acting Assistant Director Custody Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility in Elizabeth, New Jersey during the period of September 28-30, 2021. This is a CDF.

The annual 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]
Safety	[Redacted]
Medical Care	[Redacted]

**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 previous rating of Meets Standards during the September 2020 inspection.

**Inspection Summary**

The Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility 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 2020 and 2021 annual inspections:



<b>2020 Annual Inspection</b>	
Meets Standards	41
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

<b>2021 Annual Inspection</b>	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team did not identify any deficient components in any standard.

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

This inspection was conducted as a hybrid inspection. The Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility is located in an Elizabeth, New Jersey industrial warehouse area across the Hudson River from New York City. The facility is operated by CoreCivic. It has a rated capacity of [REDACTED] beds. The facility currently houses adult male and female ICE detainees with high, medium, and low custody levels. [REDACTED]

Opened in [REDACTED] the facility is a one-story building that houses the detention center, ICE/ERO offices, and three courtrooms. The perimeter of the compound is comprised of the exterior walls of the building and sections of chain link fencing supplemented with barbed wire. Part of the perimeter is enhanced by microwave alarms and motion detection systems which are monitored by central control officers. All of the building's exterior doors are alarmed and controlled by central control officers. The perimeter of the facility is foot patrolled by an unarmed officer at least once each shift on an irregular schedule. The facility has a surveillance camera network that monitors the entire perimeter and all of the housing units, common areas, and movement corridors. All movement is escorted.

All general population detainees are housed in nine dormitory-style housing units ranging in size from [REDACTED]. There are also [REDACTED] dormitories used specifically for turnarounds (Customs and Border Patrol airport cases) and one special management unit consisting of [REDACTED] cells; one cell dedicated for females and eleven cells for males. All housing units are managed under direct supervision by officers. During the inspection, one dormitory housed four detainees with a positive COVID-19 virus test, and one dormitory housed nineteen detainees that were on cohort status due to possible exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

Housing unit dayrooms are equipped with two televisions; fixed dining/seating tables where detainees can play board games and cards, engage in social interactions with one another, and watch television; and two kiosks on which detainees can order commissary and check their account balances. Each housing unit has at least one computer with LexisNexis for detainee use in addition to computers located in the law library. Also, detainees have access to tablets that allow for telephone and video visitation.

All detainees have access to indoor and outdoor recreation daily. Indoor recreational equipment and audio-visual entertainment stations are available for use during the detainees' three hours of indoor recreation time which occurs outside of their housing units.

Overall assessment of the facility sanitary conditions was determined to be average.



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The inspection team conducted several open and fifteen confidential interviews with both English speaking and LEP detainees via the facility translation line service. All stated they felt safe in the facility and treatment and services provided by staff and ICE personnel were not an issue. Two detainees from the same housing unit complained of a plumbing problem in the toilet area of the unit. The security SME discussed this concern with the assistant OIC who looked into the matter and said that a work order had been initiated and completed the previous day, but the maintenance supervisor would follow-up to ensure the problem was corrected. Detainees were asked if they had submitted their concerns to the Office of Inspector General. No detainee reported that they had submitted their concerns beyond facility or ICE staff.

Detainee medical care is provided by ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC); food service and maintenance services are provided by CoreCivic employees. Detainee telephone services are provided by Talton and the housing unit kiosks are operated by Keefe Group (commissary service provider). ICE detainees are not charged a medical co-payment.

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

This was a hybrid inspection with one inspector working remotely. The remote inspector was unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility but was able to interview staff and review files and documentation. There were no concerns noted in any of the components. The facility achieves optimal compliance with a number of standard requirements including meeting NCCHC standards in medical care, medical care (women), and terminal illness, advanced directives and death. Also, meeting optimal compliance regarding strip searches and law library access as well as recreation in the SMU and retention of use-of-force audio-visual recordings for the prescribed period of time.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. The facility complies with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011). No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty (40) standards were found to Meet Standards.

### **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of compliance and noncompliance 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 participated:

- ICE Officials - [REDACTED]
- Facility Staff - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lead Compliance Inspector  
Printed Name of LCI

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