

June 6, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Detention Inspection of the Laredo Processing Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the National Detention Standards (NDS) of the Laredo Processing Center in Laredo, TX, during the period of June 4-6, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member	
Detainee Rights		
Security		
Medical Care		
Safety		

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 June 2018 annual inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Laredo Processing Center 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 2018 and the 2019 annual compliance inspections:



2018 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	2

2019 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified two (2) deficient components in the following two (2) standards:

Environmental Health and Safety—1 Tool Control—1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Laredo Processing Center, located in Laredo, TX, is owned and operated by CoreCivic, formerly known as Corrections Corporation of America (CCA). CoreCivic operates the facility via a contract with Webb County which has an IGSA with ICE. Although both male and female ICE detainees have been housed at the facility during the previous twelve months, only female ICE detainees were housed at the facility during the inspection. The facility opened in 1985

Some temporary beds have been added at the request of ICE. The OIC has dispersed these temporary beds over three dorms so as to remain in compliance with ICE standards.

The facility is a single story, L-shaped design with all support services and housing units accessible off interior corridors. The administrative offices are located in the front of the building before entering the secure section of the facility. The facility has seven general population dormitory housing units with capacities ranging from 36 to 80 beds. Six of the housing units are under indirect supervision by officers and one housing unit employs direct supervision from officers stationed within the unit around the clock. Stationary cameras are also located in each housing unit, hallways and other areas. The facility houses low and medium-low custody female ICE detainees. One housing unit with seventeen detainees was under cohort (quarantine) for varicella (chickenpox) during the inspection. There are also four single occupancy cells which comprise the special management unit (SMU). No detainees were housed in the SMU during the inspection.

Each general population housing unit has a dayroom area equipped with tables, chairs, televisions, telephones, board games and at least two kiosks for ordering commissary items. Detainees housed in general population have access to a large outdoor recreation yard one hour per day five days per week. ICE detainees participate in the voluntary work program.

Overall, the team found the atmosphere in the facility to be calm with no obvious indicators of high stress. Sanitation was observed to be very good.

The majority of housing units and common areas of the facility were visited and/or observed during the inspection. Numerous detainees were interviewed; some interviews were with small groups of detainees in housing units and common areas and several were private and confidential and included detainees with limited English proficiency (LEP). The interviews with LEP detainees were facilitated by use of a telephonic translation service. Interviews included detainees who had recently arrived at the facility and some who had been housed at the facility for longer periods of time. The detainees voiced no concerns regarding life/safety issues. Detainees stated they felt safe and were generally satisfied with the interaction, re-



sponsiveness and professionalism of facility and ICE staff and with access to medical services, mail, the law library, telephones, visitation and recreation. Detainees expressed general satisfaction with the quantity and quality of food provided. One detainee asked that outdoor recreation be provided on weekends. The facility currently provides access to outdoor recreation one hour per day, five days per week which meets the requirements of the Recreation standard.

The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care. Medical services are provided by CoreCivic.

Food service is provided via a contract with Trinity Services Group. Detainee telephone services are contracted with Inmate Call Solutions (ICS). Commissary services are provided by Mid-States Services, Inc.

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. No (0) standards were found Deficient and two (2) standard 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 –

Facility Staff –



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