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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Otay Mesa Detention Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Otay Mesa Detention Facility in San Diego, California, during the period of January 22-24, 2020. This is a CDF.

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]
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 January 2019 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Otay Mesa Detention Facility Jail 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 2019 and 2020 annual inspections:



2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	41
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

2020 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	41
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

The inspection team found two (2) component deficiencies in the following two (2) standards:

- Environmental Health and Safety – 1
- Staff- Detainee Communication – 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Otay Mesa Detention Facility is privately owned and operated by CoreCivic under contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The facility is located about 25 miles South of San Diego, California, on the border of Mexico. The facility houses adult male and female ICE and U.S. Marshals Service detainees of all classification levels.

The physical plant was built in 2015. It is a two-story building that houses the detention center and all of its support services network, ICE/ERO offices, five court rooms, and multiple attorney visiting rooms. The facility has seventeen general population housing units of which twelve are dedicated to ICE detainees. The ICE housing units are all configured into four to eight-bed bays divided into a two-tier wing. There are two special management units which house all populations; one 64-bed unit for males and one twelve-bed unit for females. General population ICE detainees are not housed with non-ICE detainees.

The compound is encircled by a secure perimeter comprised of dual chain link fencing spaced twelve foot apart. Between the fences there are multiple coiled rows of razor ribbon attached to the top and bottom of the fence lines and, on the interior fence, a sensor/intrusion system for detection of containment breaches. The perimeter is encircled by a paved road which is continuously patrolled in reverse routes by two armed officers in radio equipped vehicles. The entire perimeter and the interior of the facility are under the constant surveillance of control center officers who monitor a 266 surveillance camera network. All housing units, movement corridors, and exterior doors are monitored by the surveillance network.

Detainees have access to televisions, board games, cards, library books, and a microwave in the day-rooms. Telephones are provided in the dayrooms for detainee use. Each general population housing unit has direct 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. Conditions of confinement were orderly and the facility is maintaining a high level of sanitation. Detainees were freely engaging with the inspectors and staff during the frequent tours conducted during this inspection. Staff and ICE/ERO personnel interactions with the detainees carried no sense of uncertainty and the detainees’ responses to these encounters appeared contented and respectful.

The inspection team conducted casual interviews with the detainees in the housing units, on work assignment and in the health care unit; and several confidential interviews with LEP detainees and two transgender detainees using the language line. None of the detainees voiced any substantive concerns regarding their safety, conditions of confinement, meals, medical care, treatment by staff, access to ICE personnel, or the availability of activities and programs.



Medical services are provided by IHSC staff and two independent medical contract groups. Food services are provided by Trinity Services. All other services are provided by CoreCivic employees. ICE detainees do not incur medical co-payments.

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 Meets Standards. The facility complies with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011). No (0) standards were found Deficient and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty-one (41) 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 – [Redacted]
- Facility Staff – [Redacted]

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[Redacted], Lead Compliance Inspector January 24, 2020

Printed Name of LCI Date

