



March 10, 2021

TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director Custody Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Rio Grande Processing Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2008) of the Rio Grande Processing Center in Laredo, Texas during the period of March 8-10, 2021. This is an IGSA facility.

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 2008 for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the March 2020 annual inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Rio Grande Processing Center 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) - 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 2020 and 2021 annual compliance inspections:



<i>2020 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

<i>2021 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	38
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified zero (0) deficient components in the standards.

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Rio Grande Detention Center, operated by The GEO Group, Inc., is located fifteen miles south of Laredo, Texas bordering the Rio Grande River and Mexico. The [REDACTED] facility houses both male and female (pre-trial) detainees of all custody levels for the U.S. Marshal's Service and all custody levels of adult male ICE detainees. [REDACTED]

An administrative building and a maintenance building are located outside the secured fenced perimeter. Inside the secured perimeter, is a support services building, which also houses female special management detainees, five open bay dormitory style housing units with capacities ranging from 64 to 84 beds, and one male special management unit. Two of the 84-bed housing units are dedicated to ICE detainees. Housing unit day rooms provide ample space and are furnished with televisions, telephones, fixed tables, and seats. An unsecured personal property storage bin is provided to each detainee; locks are not provided.

The secure portion of the facility is enclosed by two twelve-foot chain-link fences which are supplemented with razor ribbon and a microwave detection system centered between the fences. A paved perimeter road around the secure portion of the compound is patrolled by an armed officer 24 hours a day. There are 252 surveillance cameras which monitor the entire perimeter and critical movement and common areas inside the facility.

The facility has eight housing units; two of which house male general population ICE detainees in 84-bed dormitories. During the inspection, one general housing unit was used as a COVID-19 receiving unit where all new arrivals were quarantined for a period of time until cleared by medical staff. The facility is ADA compliant and has policies in place to address the care of detainees with special needs. The inspection team visited the housing units several times during the inspection. The detainees were interviewed by several inspectors and none voiced any complaints regarding food, access to the law library, recreation, or treatment by facility staff. Detainees were interviewed in groups or in a private, confidential setting. Limited English proficient (LEP) detainees were interviewed confidentially using the language line. All detainees stated they felt safe at the facility and were treated with respect.

The facility was observed to be clean and well maintained; sanitation was above average. Personnel interviewed were well-versed in the requirements of the standards and the concept of civil detention. The majority of facility personnel are bilingual.

Medical services are provided by WellPath and food services are provided by The GEO Group, Inc. Detainees are not charged a co-payment for medical or mental health services.



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Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no areas of concern or significant observations during this inspection.

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 2008). No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standards and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-eight (38) standards were found to Meet Standards.

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]

_____, Lead Compliance Inspector

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Date