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**Office of Detention Oversight
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**Enforcement and Removal Operations
ERO Harlingen Field Office**

**Coastal Bend Detention Facility
Robstown, Texas**


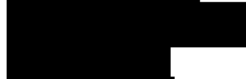
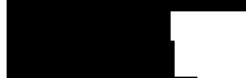
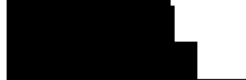
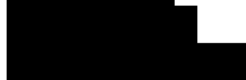
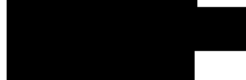
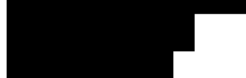

December 6-8, 2022

COMPLIANCE INSPECTION
of the
COASTAL BEND DETENTION FACILITY
Robstown, Texas

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FACILITY OVERVIEW

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Office of Detention Oversight (ODO) conducted a compliance inspection of the Coastal Bend Detention Facility (CBDF) in Robstown, Texas, from December 6 to 8, 2022.¹ The facility opened in 2008 and is owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO). The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at CBDF in 2017 under the oversight of ERO’s Field Office Director (FOD) in Houston (ERO Houston). As of August 2021, CBDF houses detainees under the oversight of ERO’s FOD in Harlingen (ERO Harlingen). CBDF was inspected against the Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2008.²

ERO has assigned deportation officers to the facility. A CBDF administrator handles daily facility operations and manages [REDACTED] support personnel. Single Source provides food services, GEO provides medical care, and Keefe Commissary provides commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the American Correctional Association in 2020. In July 2020, CBDF was audited for the Department of Justice (DOJ) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and was DOJ PREA Certified.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity ³	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population ⁴	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of December 6, 2022)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of December 6, 2022)	[REDACTED]

During its last inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, ODO found four deficiencies in the following areas: Environmental Health and Safety (3), and Staff-Detainee Communication (1).

¹ This facility holds male detainees with low and medium-low security classification levels for periods greater than 72 hours.

² ICE is an authorized user of this facility under a United States Marshals Service intergovernmental agreement contract, which does not specify an ICE NDS, and ODO inspected to the NDS listed on the ERO Facility List as of November 14, 2022.

³ Data Source: ERO Facility List as of November 14, 2022.

⁴ *Ibid.*

COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PROCESS

ODO conducts oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities with an average daily population greater than 10, and where detainees are housed for over 72 hours, to assess compliance with ICE national detention standards. These inspections focus solely on facility compliance with detention standards that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being.⁵

ODO identifies violations of ICE detention standards, ICE policies, or operational procedures, as “deficiencies.” ODO highlights instances when the facility resolves deficiencies prior to completion of the ODO inspection. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with “C” under the *Compliance Inspection Findings* section of this report.

Upon completion of each inspection, ODO conducts a closeout briefing with facility and local ERO officials to discuss preliminary findings. A summary of these findings is shared with ERO management officials. Thereafter, ODO provides ICE leadership with a final compliance inspection report to: (i) assist ERO in developing and initiating corrective action plans; and (ii) provide senior executives with an independent assessment of facility operations. ODO’s findings inform ICE executive management in their decision-making to better allocate resources across the agency’s entire detention inventory.

⁵ ODO reviews the facility’s compliance with selected standards in their entirety.

FINDINGS BY PERFORMANCE-BASED NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS (PBNDS) 2008 MAJOR CATEGORIES

PBNDS 2008 Standards Inspected ^{6,7}	Deficiencies
Part 1 - Safety	
Emergency Plans	0
Environmental Health and Safety	0
Transportation (by Land)	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 2 - Security	
Admission and Release	0
Classification System	0
Contraband	0
Funds and Personal Property	0
Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities	0
Key and Lock Control	0
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	0
Special Management Units	0
Tool Control	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 3 - Order	
Disciplinary System	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Medical Care	0
Suicide Prevention and Intervention	0
Terminal Illness, Advance Directives, and Death	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 5 - Activities	
Correspondence and Other Mail	0
Recreation	0
Visitation	0
Sub-Total	0

⁶ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Compliance Inspection Findings* section of this report.

⁷ Beginning in FY 2022, ODO instituted a process of rotating all standards on a 3-year basis. As a result, some standard components may not be present in all standards.

Part 6 - Justice	
Detainee Handbook	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 7 - Administration and Management	
Staff Training	0
Sub-Total	0
Total Deficiencies	0

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed the only detainee housed at the facility, who voluntarily agreed to participate. The detainee made no allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse and reported satisfaction with facility services.

COMPLIANCE INSPECTION FINDINGS

ODO noted no deficiencies during this onsite compliance inspection.

CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 23 standards under PBNDS 2008 and found the facility in compliance with all 23 standards. ODO commends facility staff members for their responsiveness during this inspection. ERO provided ODO with the uniform corrective action plan for ODO's last inspection of CBDF on November 14, 2022.

Compliance Inspection Results Compared	FY 2022 (PBNDS 2008)	FY 2023 (PBNDS 2008)
Standards Reviewed	10	23
Deficient Standards	2	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	4	0
Repeat Deficiencies	0	0
Areas Of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Superior	Superior