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Desert View Modified Community Correctional Facility
Adelanto, California

September 27-29, 2022

FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION

of the

DESERT VIEW MODIFIED COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Adelanto, California

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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 follow-up inspection of the Desert View Modified Community Correctional Facility (DVMCCF) in Adelanto, California, from September 27 to 29, 2022. This inspection focused on the standards found deficient during ODO's last inspection of DVMCCF from May 3 to 5, 2022. The facility opened in 2021, and is owned by City of Adelanto and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO). The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at DVMCCF in 2021 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director (FOD) in ERO Los Angeles. The facility operates under the Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 (Revised 2016).

ERO has assigned deportation officers and a detention services manager to the facility. A GEO warden oversees daily facility operations and supervises support personnel. The Keefe Supply Company provides commissary, and GEO provides food and medical services. The facility does not hold any accreditations from any outside entities

Capacity and Population Statistics	Qu	antity
ICE Bed Capacity ²		
Average ICE Population ³	_	
Adult Male Population (as of September 27, 2022)		
Adult Female Population (as of September 27, 2022)		

During its last inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, ODO found seven deficiencies in the following areas: Admission and Release (1), Custody Classification System (2), Emergency Plans (1), and Use of Force and Restraints (3).

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

² Data Source: ERO Facility List as of September 19, 2022.

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FOLLOW-UP COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PROCESS

ODO conducts oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities with an average daily population of 10 or more detainees, and where detainees are housed for longer than 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. In FY 2021, to meet congressional requirements, ODO began conducting follow-up inspections at all ICE ERO detention facilities, which ODO inspected earlier in the FY.

While follow-up inspections are intended to focus on previously identified deficiencies, ODO will conduct a complete review of several core standards, which include but are not limited to Medical Care, Hunger Strikes, Suicide Prevention, Food Service, Environmental Health and Safety, Emergency Plans, Use of Force and Restraints/Use of Physical Control Measures and Restraints, Admission and Release, Classification, and Funds and Personal Property. ODO may decide to conduct a second full inspection of a facility in the same FY based on additional information obtained prior to ODO's arrival on-site. Factors ODO will consider when deciding to conduct a second full inspection will include the total number of deficiencies cited during the first inspection, the number of deficient standards found during the first inspection, the completion status of the first inspection's UCAP, and other information ODO obtains from internal and external sources ahead of the follow-up compliance inspection. Conditions found during the inspection may also lead ODO to assess new areas and identify new deficiencies or areas of concern should facility practices run contrary to ICE standards. Any areas found non-compliant during both inspections are annotated as "Repeat Deficiencies" in this report.

FINDINGS BY PERFORMANCE-BASED NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS (PBNDS) 2011 (REVISED 2016) MAJOR CATEGORIES

PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) Standards Inspected ⁴⁵	Deficiencies
Part 1 - Safety	
Emergency Plans	0
Environmental Health and Safety	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 2 - Security	
Admission and Release	0
Custody Classification System	0
Facility Security and Control	0
Funds and Personal Property	0
Special Management Units	0
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Hunger Strikes	0
Medical Care	0
Medical Care (Women)	0
Personal Hygiene	0
Significant Self-harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 5 - Activities	
Recreation	0
Telephone Access	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 6 - Justice	
Grievance System	0
Sub-Total	0
Total Deficiencies	0

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⁴ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Follow-up Inspection Findings* section of this report.

⁵ 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.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed 11 detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. All other detainees at the facility declined ODO's request for an interview. None of the detainees made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. All 11 detainees reported satisfaction with facility services and had no complaints.

FOLLOW-UP COMPLIANCE INSPECTION FINDINGS

SAFETY

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (EHS)

ODO reviewed the facility's Environmental Health & Safety program and found eight out of nine housing units did not meet the recognized standards of hygiene from the American Correctional Association (ACA) for detainee to shower ratio of 12:1 for male detainees. Specifically, housing units A1, A2, A3, A4, B1, B2, B3, and B4 had housing capacities of 88 and only contained 5 showers, resulting in a 17:1 detainee to shower ratio. During the review period and at the time of the inspection, the facility was within the 12:1 ratio for all housing units, which is why ODO cited this as an **Area of Concern**.

CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 18 standards under PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) and found the facility in compliance with all 18 standards. ODO commends facility staff members for their responsiveness during this inspection. ODO recommends ERO work with the facility to resolve any deficiencies that remain outstanding in accordance with contractual obligations. ODO has not received the uniform corrective action plan for ODO's last inspection of DVMCC in May 2022.

Compliance Inspection Results Compared	First FY 2022 (PBNDS 2011) (Revised 2016)	Second FY 2022 (PBNDS 2011) (Revised 2016)
Standards Reviewed	24	18
Deficient Standards	4	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	7	0
Repeat Deficiencies	0	0
Areas Of Concern	0	1
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Superior	N/A