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ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION
of the
CHITTENDEN REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
South Burlington, Vermont

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ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION TEAM MEMBERS



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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 an ODO assisted self-inspection process (OASIP) inspection of the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility (CRCF) in South Burlington, Vermont, from March 26 to April 24, 2025, which included a 1-day on site visit on April 24, 2025.¹ The facility opened in 2002 and is owned and operated by Vermont Department of Corrections. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at CRCF in 2013 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Boston (ERO Boston). ICE is an authorized user of this facility under a United States Marshals Service Intergovernmental Agreement contract, which does not specify an ICE National Detention Standard (NDS). ODO inspected CRCF against the NDS 2019, which is the NDS listed on the ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of April 21, 2025.

[REDACTED] A CRCF superintendent handles daily facility operations and manages [REDACTED] support personnel. The Vermont Department of Corrections provides food services, Wellpath provides medical care, and Keefe Commissary provides commissary services at the facility. The facility does not hold any accreditations from any outside entities.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity ²	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population ³	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of April 24, 2025)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of April 24, 2025)	[REDACTED]

This is ODO's first compliance inspection of Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility.

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

² Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of April 21, 2025.

³ *Ibid.*

ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION PROCESS

In FY 2025, ODO implemented an OASIP, which replaces the annual Special Review inspections ODO conducted at most low average daily population (ADP) and/or short-term use facilities. This new inspection framework is more reflective of the actual operational demand of facilities with a low ADP and/or short-term use. OASIP inspections focus on facility compliance with ICE NDS 2019 requirements that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being, and have corresponding Federal Performance Based Detention Standards requirements. Facilities have 30 calendar days to complete the OASIP inspection and ODO staff will go on site towards the end of the 30-day inspection window to observe facility conditions, interview ICE detainees, and spot-check the facility's reported findings.⁴

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 as corrective actions. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with "C" under the *ODO Assisted Self-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.

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

FINDINGS BY NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2019 MAJOR CATEGORIES

NDS 2019 Standards Inspected: ⁵	Deficiencies
Part 1 - Safety	
Environmental Health and Safety	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 2 - Security	
Admission and Release	0
Custody Classification System	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Medical Care	0
Personal Hygiene	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 6 - Justice	
Grievance System	0
Sub-Total	0
Total Deficiencies	0

⁵ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the ODO Assisted Self-Inspection Findings section of this report.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed three detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. None of the detainees made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. All detainees reported satisfaction with facility services.

ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION FINDINGS

There were no findings during the inspection.

CONCLUSION

During this OASIP, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 10 standards under NDS 2019 and found the facility in compliance with all 10 standards. Prior inspection data does not exist for ODO to perform a trend analysis because this was ODO's first inspection of CRCF. ODO recommends ERO Boston continue to work with the facility to maintain its high level of compliance with NDS 2019.

Compliance Inspection Results Compared	No Previous ODO Inspection	FY 2025 OASIP Inspection (NDS 2019)
Standards Reviewed	N/A	10
Deficient Standards	N/A	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	N/A	0
Priority Component Deficiencies	N/A	0
Repeat Deficiencies	N/A	N/A
Areas Of Concern	N/A	0
Corrective Actions	N/A	0
Facility Rating	N/A	Superior



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