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#### COMPLIANCE INSPECTION of the EDEN DETENTION CENTER Eden, 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 Eden Detention Center (EDC) in Eden, Texas, from February 25 to 27, 2025..<sup>1</sup> The facility opened in 2019 and is owned and operated by CoreCivic. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at EDC in 2019 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Dallas (ERO Dallas). 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 EDC against NDS 2019, which is the NDS listed on the ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of February 24, 2025..<sup>2</sup>

A warden handles daily facility operations and manages support personnel. Trinity Services provides food services, CoreCivic provides medical care, and Keefe Commissary provides commissary services at the facility. The facility does not hold any accreditations from any outside entities. In August 2024, EDC 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. <sup>3</sup>	
Average ICE Population <sup>4</sup>	
Adult Male Population (as of February 25, 2025)	
Adult Female Population (as of February 25, 2025)	

During its last rated inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, ODO found 7 deficiencies in the following areas: Grievance System (1); Hunger Strikes (1); Medical Care (2); and Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention (3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This facility holds male detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high and high security classification levels for periods greater than 72 hours.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For ODO inspections beginning in 2024, ERO Custody Management Division requested ODO inspect all United States Marshals Service Intergovernmental Agreement facilities, not contractually obligated to an ICE NDS, to NDS 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of February 24, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ibid.

#### **COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PROCESS**

ODO conducts oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities with an average daily population of 10 or more, and where detainees are housed for over 72 hours, to assess compliance with ICE national detention standards. While these inspections focus on facility compliance with detention standards that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being, in FY 2024 ODO added additional standards to the scope of each full inspection to ensure ODO inspects every standard at each facility at least once every other year.<sup>5</sup>

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ODO reviews the facility's compliance with selected standards in their entirety.

#### **FINDINGS BY NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2019 MAJOR CATEGORIES**

NDS 2019 Standards Inspected. <sup>6,7</sup>	Deficiencies
Part 1 - Safety	
Environmental Health and Safety	0
Transportation by Land	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 2 - Security	
Admission and Release	0
Custody Classification System	0
Funds and Personal Property	0
Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Special Management Units	0
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 3 - Order	
Disciplinary System	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Medical Care	2
Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention	0
Terminal Illness and Death	0
Disability Identification, Assessment, and Accommodation	0
Sub-Total	2
Part 5 - Activities	
Recreation	0
Visitation	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 6 - Justice	
Detainee Handbook	0
Grievance System	0
Legal Rights Group Presentations	0
Sub-Total	0
Total Deficiencies	2

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Compliance Inspection Findings* section of this report.
<sup>7</sup> Beginning in FY 2024, ODO instituted a process of rotating all standards every other year. As a result, some standards may not be present in all inspections.

#### **DETAINEE RELATIONS**

ODO interviewed 48 detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. None of the detainees made allegations of harassment, mistreatment, or abuse. All detainees reported satisfaction with facility services.

#### **COMPLIANCE INSPECTION FINDINGS**

#### **CARE**

#### MEDICAL CARE (MC)

ODO reviewed medical files and found in mout of files, medical staff did not perform a physical examination nor mental health screening of the detainees until 15 to 45 days after their arrival (Deficiency MC-27<sup>8</sup>). This is a repeat deficiency and a priority component.

ODO reviewed the medical files of the detainees who received psychotropic medications and found in the out of the files, medical staff did not obtain a separate documented informed consent (Deficiency MC-93<sup>9</sup>). This is a priority component.

#### CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 21 standards under NDS 2019 and found the facility in compliance with 20 of those standards. ODO found two deficiencies in the remaining standard. Since EDC's last rated inspection in February 2024, the facility's level of compliance with NDS 2019 has trended upward. EDC went from 7 deficiencies in 4 standards in February 2024, which included 4 priority component deficiencies, to 2 deficiencies in 1 standard, which included 1 repeat deficiency and 2 priority component deficiencies, during this most recent inspection. ODO received EDC's completed uniform corrective action plan for its last inspection in August 2024, which likely resolved most of the previous deficiencies ODO cited. ODO recommends ERO Dallas continue to work with the facility to resolve any deficiencies that remain outstanding in accordance with contractual obligations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> "The facility will conduct and document a comprehensive health assessment, including a physical examination and mental health screening, on each detainee within 14 days of the detainee's arrival at the facility." *See* ICE NDS 2019, Standard, Medical Care, Section (II)(E).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "Prior to the administration of psychotropic medications, a separate documented informed consent, that includes a description of the medications side effects, shall be obtained." *See* ICE NDS 2019, Standard, Medical Care, Section (II)(O).

Compliance Inspection Results Compared	FY 2024 Full Inspection (NDS 2019)	FY 2025 Full Inspection (NDS 2019)
Standards Reviewed	24	21
Deficient Standards	4	1
Overall Number of Deficiencies	7	2
Priority Component Deficiencies	4	2
Repeat Deficiencies	0	1
Areas Of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Acceptable/Adequate	Good



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