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**INSPECTION**  
**of the**  
**LEXINGTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER**  
Lexington, South Carolina

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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 inspection of the Lexington County Detention Center (LCDC) in Lexington, South Carolina, from July 9 to August 7, 2025, which included a 1-day on-site visit on August 7, 2025.<sup>1</sup> The facility opened in 1975 and is owned by Lexington County and operated by Lexington County Sheriff's Office. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at LCDC in 2010 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Atlanta (ERO Atlanta). The facility is a United States Marshals Service (USMS) contracted facility where ICE is an authorized user and operates under the USMS Federal Performance Based Detention Standards (FPBDS) (May 2025).<sup>2</sup>

[REDACTED] A facility administrator handles daily facility operations and manages [REDACTED] support personnel. Trinity Services provides food services, WellPath provides medical care, and McDaniel Supply Company provides commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care in May 2021. In March 2020, LCDC was audited by 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>	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population <sup>4</sup>	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of August 7, 2025)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of August 7, 2025)	[REDACTED]

During its last rated inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, ODO found 12 deficiencies in the following areas: Environmental Health and Safety (5); Food Service (1); and Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention (6).

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<sup>1</sup> This facility holds male and female detainees with low, medium, and high security classification levels for periods less than 72 hours.

<sup>2</sup> In June 2025, all USMS contracted facilities where ICE is an authorized user changed from National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019 to USMS FPBDS (May 2025).

<sup>3</sup> Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of August 4, 2025.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

# INSPECTION PROCESS

ODO conducts the following annual and biennial oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities to assess and rate each facility's compliance with their contractually obligated detention standards as noted in the Facility Overview section above.

- **Dedicated facility:** ODO conducts annual on-site inspections of dedicated inter-governmental service agreement (IGSA) facilities, contract detention facilities (CDF), family residential centers, and service processing centers.
- **Non-dedicated IGSA facility:**
  - For facilities with an average daily population (ADP) of 50 or more, ODO conducts biennial on-site inspections.
  - For facilities with an ADP of 50 less,
    - If the facility has not previously had a rated ODO inspection, then ODO conducts an initial on-site inspection, and
    - If the facility has had an ODO inspection, then the facility completes a biennial ODO-assisted self-inspection process (OASIP).
- **U.S. Marshal Service (USMS):** USMS CDF and intergovernmental agreement facilities complete biennial OASIPs.

In FY 2025, ODO implemented OASIPs, which replaced the annual Special Review inspections ODO conducted at most low ADP and/or short-term use facilities. This new inspection framework is more reflective of the actual operation demand of facilities with a low ADP and/or short-term use. OASIP inspections focus on facility compliance with detention standard requirements that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being. 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.<sup>5</sup>

ODO defines a “deficiency” as any violation of detention standards, policies, or operational procedures, as applicable. ODO highlights instances when the facility resolves deficiencies prior to the completion of the ODO inspection as corrective actions. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with a “C” in the *Inspection Findings* section of the report.

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

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<sup>5</sup> When ODO conducts an on-site inspection, the facility is notified 4 weeks before the inspection and ODO is on-site for 3 business days conducting the inspection.

## FINDINGS BY FEDERAL PERFORMANCE BASED DETENTION STANDARDS (MAY 2025) MAJOR CATEGORIES

USMS FPBDS (May 2025) Standards Inspected. <sup>6</sup>	Deficiencies
<b>A. Administration and Management</b>	
Quality Control	0
Facility Admission and Orientation Program	0
Detainee Transfers and Releases	0
Staffing	0
Staff Training	0
Emergency Plans	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>B. Health Care</b>	
Health Care Administration	0
Intake Health Screening	0
Medical, Mental Health, and Dental Appraisals	0
Access to Health Care	0
Provision of Health Care	0
Incident Health Care	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>C. Security and Control</b>	
Use of Force/Non-Routine Application of Restraints	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>D. Food Service</b>	
Food Service Administration	0
Food Storage and Preparation	0
Detainee Meals and Special Diets	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>F. Safety and Sanitation</b>	
Fire Safety and Chemical Control	0
Sanitation and Environmental Control	0
Clothing and Bedding	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>G. Services and Programs</b>	
Classification and Housing	0
Grievance Program	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Deficiencies</b>	<b>0</b>

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

## DETAINEE RELATIONS

The facility's ICE detainee population count was zero during this inspection; therefore, ODO did not conduct any detainee interviews. Despite the facility housing no detainees during the on-site inspection, the facility maintains an active contract to house ICE detainees and had an ADP of 2 ICE detainees for FY 2024.

## ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION FINDINGS

ODO found no deficiencies during this inspection.

## CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 21 standards under USMS FPBDS (May 2025) and found the facility in compliance with all 21 standards. This was the facility's first OASIP and first inspection under USMS FPBDS (May 2025). LCDC completed its UCAP for its last inspection in August 2024; however, ODO could not conduct a trend analysis due to the change in standards. ODO recommends ERO Atlanta continue to work with the facility in accordance with contractual obligations.

Inspection Results Compared	FY 2024 Special Review (NDS 2019)	FY 2025 OASIP (FPBDS MAY 2025)
Standards Reviewed	10	21
Deficient Standards	3	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	12	0
Priority Component Deficiencies	1	N/A
Repeat Deficiencies	0	N/A
Areas Of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Acceptable/Adequate	Superior



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