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UNANNOUNCED COMPLIANCE INSPECTION
of the
SOUTH LOUISIANA DETENTION CENTER
Basile, Louisiana

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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 unannounced compliance inspection of the South Louisiana Detention Center (SLDC) in Basile, Louisiana, from March 4 to 6, 2025.¹ The facility opened in 1997 and is owned and operated by GEO Group, Inc. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at SLDC in 2019 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in New Orleans (ERO New Orleans). The facility operates under the Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 (Revised 2016).

[REDACTED] A warden handles daily facility operations and manages [REDACTED] support personnel. GEO provides food services and medical care, and Union Supply Group provides commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the American Correctional Association in July 2021 and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care in August 2021. In September 2022, SLDC was audited for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and was DHS PREA certified.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity ²	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population ³	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of March 4, 2025)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of March 4, 2025)	[REDACTED]

During its last rated inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, ODO found 2 deficiencies in Personal Hygiene.

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

² Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of March 3, 2024.

³ *Ibid.*

UNANNOUNCED 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.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. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with “C” under the *Compliance Inspection Findings* section of this report.

In FY 2022, ODO began conducting special reviews of under 72-hour ICE detention facilities with an ADP of 1 or more detainees and over 72-hour ICE detention facilities with an ADP of 1 to 9 detainees. Additionally, ODO began conducting unannounced inspections of ICE detention facilities, regardless of ADP of detainees, as well as reviews of ICE special/emerging detention facilities/programs. As such, these facility inspections will result in an ODO Inspection Compliance Rating; however, for facilities that are not contractually obligated to an ICE NDS, those ratings will be for ERO’s informational purposes. ODO will conduct a complete review of several core standards, in accordance with the facility’s contractually required ICE NDS or in accordance with the ICE NDS listed in the current ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List for facilities that are not contractually obligated to an ICE NDS, which may include but are not limited to Medical Care/Health Care, Medical Care (Women)/Health Care (Females), Significant Self-harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention, Hunger Strikes, Food Service, Environmental Health and Safety, Special Management Units (SMU) or Hold Rooms (if the facility does not have an SMU), Use of Force and Restraints/Use of Physical Control Measures, and Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention.

Upon completion of each special review or unannounced 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 uniform corrective action plans (UCAPs); 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 ODO reviews the facility’s compliance with selected standards in their entirety.

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

PBND Standards 2011 (Revised 2016) Standards Inspected ^{5, 6}	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	1
Custody 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
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Tool Control	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Sub-Total	1
Part 3 - Order	
Disciplinary System	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Medical Care	0
Medical Care (Women)	0
Significant Self-harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention	0
Terminal Illness, Advance Directives and Death	0
Disability Identification, Assessment, and Accommodation	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 5 - Activities	
Recreation	0
Visitation	0
Sub-Total	0

⁵ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Unannounced Compliance Inspection Findings* section of this report.

⁶ During an unannounced inspection, ODO will review a facility's compliance with at least 10 individual standards; however, unannounced full inspections will include a review of the same standards as announced full inspections.

Part 6 - Justice	
Detainee Handbook	0
Grievance System	0
Legal Rights Group Presentations	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 7 - Administration and Management	
Interviews and Tours	0
Staff Training	0
Sub-Total	0
Total Deficiencies	1

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed 18 detainees who each voluntarily agreed to participate. None of the detainees made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. ODO attempted to interview additional detainees; however, due to time restraints, ODO was unable to conduct more interviews. All 18 detainees reported satisfaction with the facility services.

UNANNOUNCED COMPLIANCE INSPECTION FINDINGS

SECURITY

ADMISSION AND RELEASE (AR)

ODO reviewed █ detainee files and found in █ out of █ files, the ERO New Orleans authorizing official did not sign the Order to Detain, Form I-203 (**Deficiency AR-54⁷**).

CONCLUSION

During this unannounced compliance inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 28 standards under PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) and found the facility in compliance with 27 of those standards. ODO found one deficiency in the remaining one standard. Since ODO's last full rated inspection in March 2024, the facility's compliance with ICE PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) has trended upward. SLDC went from 2 deficiencies in 1 standard in March 2024 to 1 deficiency in 1 standard in the most recent full inspection. ODO received a completed UCAP from its last inspection in August 2024; however, it did not affect the outcome of this current inspection. ODO recommends ERO New Orleans continue to work with the facility to resolve the deficiency that remains outstanding in accordance with contractual obligations.

⁷ "An Order to Detain or an Order to Release the detainee (Form I-203 or I-203a), bearing the appropriate ICE/ERO Authorizing Official signature, must accompany each newly arriving detainee." See ICE PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016), Standard, Admission and Release, Section (V)(E).

Compliance Inspection Results Compared	FY 2024 Full Inspection (PBNDs 2011) (Revised 2016)	FY 2025 Full Inspection (PBNDs 2011) (Revised 2016)
Standards Reviewed	29	28
Deficient Standards	1	1
Overall Number of Deficiencies	2	1
Priority Component Deficiencies	0	0
Repeat Deficiencies	0	0
Areas Of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Superior	Superior



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