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FOLLOW-UP COMPLIANCE INSPECTION of the ADELANTO ICE PROCESSING CENTER

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 compliance inspection of the Adelanto ICE Processing Center (AIPC) in Adelanto, California, from August 1 to 3, 2023. This inspection focused on the standards found deficient during ODO's last inspection of AIPC from February 7 to 9, 2023. The facility opened in 2011 and is owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO). The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at AIPC in 2011 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Los Angeles (ERO Los Angeles). The facility operates under the Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 (Revised 2016).

A facility administrator handles daily operations and support personnel. GEO provides food service and medical care services, and Keefe Supply Company provides commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care in June 2022 and the American Correctional Association in January 2023. In January 2021, AIPC 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		
Average ICE Population ³	_	
Adult Male Population (as of August 1, 2023)		
Adult Female Population (as of August 1, 2023)		

During its last full inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, ODO found seven deficiencies in the following areas: Tool Control (1) and Transportation (by Land) (6).

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 Facility List as of July 24, 2023.

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 may 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 uniform corrective action plan (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 2011 (REVISED 2016) MAJOR CATEGORIES

PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) Standards Inspected ^{4,5}	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			
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	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			
Sub-Total	0			
Part 5 - Activities				
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 eight 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 eight detainees reported satisfaction with facility services and had no complaints.

FOLLOW-UP COMPLIANCE INSPECTION FINDINGS

ODO found no deficiencies during this inspection.

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. Since AIPC's last full inspection in February 2023, the facility has shown improvement. AIPC went from two deficient standards and seven deficiencies in February 2023 to no deficient standards during this most recent follow-up inspection. The facility's improved performance likely resulted from the staff's completion of the UCAP for ODO's last inspection of AIPC in February 2023. ODO recommends ERO Los Angeles staff continue working with the facility to ensure the facility maintains their high-level of compliance with the PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016).

Compliance Inspection Results Compared	FY 2023 Full Inspection (PBNDS 2011) (Revised 2016)	FY 2023 Follow-Up Inspection (PBNDS 2011) (Revised 2016)
Standards Reviewed	25	18
Deficient Standards	2	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	7	0
Priority Component Deficiencies	0	0
Repeat Deficiencies	0	0
Areas Of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Superior	N/A