

# Office of Professional Responsibility

## Karnes County Immigration Processing Center Compliance Inspection 2025-001-035

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**COMPLIANCE INSPECTION**  
**of the**  
**KARNES COUNTY IMMIGRATION PROCESSING CENTER**  
Karnes City, 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 Karnes County Immigration Processing Center (KCIPC) in Karnes City, Texas, from June 3 to 5, 2025.<sup>1</sup> The facility opened in 2012 and is owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO). The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at KCIPC in 2014 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in San Antonio (ERO San Antonio). The facility operates under the Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 (Revised 2016).

[REDACTED] A facility administrator handles daily facility operations and manages 362 support personnel. GEO provides food and medical care services, and Keefe Commissary provides commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the American Correctional Association in August 2024. In February 2023, KCIPC 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 <sup>2</sup>	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population <sup>3</sup>	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of June 3, 2025)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of June 3, 2025)	[REDACTED]

During its last rated inspection in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, ODO found 1 deficiency in the following area: Post Orders (1).

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

<sup>2</sup> Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of May 19, 2025.

<sup>3</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>4</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.

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<sup>4</sup> 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 <sup>5,6</sup>	Deficiencies
<b>Part 1 - Safety</b>	
Emergency Plans	0
Environmental Health and Safety	0
Transportation (by Land)	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part 2 - Security</b>	
Admission and Release	0
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
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Tool Control	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part 3 - Order</b>	
Disciplinary System	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part 4 - Care</b>	
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
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part 5 - Activities</b>	
Recreation	0
Visitation	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part 6 - Justice</b>	

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

<sup>6</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 Handbook	0
Grievance System	0
Legal Rights Group Presentations	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part 7 - Administration and Management</b>	
Interview and Tours	0
Staff Training	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Deficiencies</b>	<b>0</b>

## DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed 50 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.

## COMPLIANCE INSPECTION FINDINGS

ODO found no deficiencies during the inspection.

## CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 27 standards under PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) and found the facility in compliance with all 27 standards. Since KCIPC's last rated inspection in March 2024, the facility's compliance with PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) has trended upward. KCIPC went from 1 deficiency in 1 standard in March 2024 to no deficiencies during this most recent inspection. ODO received KCIPC's completed uniform corrective action plan for its last inspection in March 2024, which likely resolved the previous deficiency ODO cited. ODO recommends ERO San Antonio continue to work with the facility to ensure the facility maintains its high-level of compliance with PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016).

<b>Compliance Inspection Results Compared</b>	<b>FY 2024 Full Inspection (PBNDS 2011) (Revised 2016)</b>	<b>FY 2025 Full Inspection (PBNDS 2011) (Revised 2016)</b>
Standards Reviewed	24	27
Deficient Standards	1	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	1	0
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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