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SWEETWATER COUNTY JAIL
Rock Springs, Wyoming

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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 ODO assisted self-inspection process (OASIP) inspection of the Sweetwater County Jail (SCJ) in Rock Springs, Wyoming, from April 9 to May 8, 2025.¹ The facility opened in 2005 and is owned and operated by Sweetwater County. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at SCJ in 2006 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Denver (ERO Denver). 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 SCJ against the NDS 2019, which is the NDS listed on the ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of May 5, 2025.

[REDACTED] A Sweetwater County lieutenant handles daily facility operations and manages support personnel. Summit Correctional Services provides food and commissary services, and Kennon Tubbs MD, LLC provides medical care at the facility. The facility does not hold any accreditations from any outside entities.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity ²	1
Average ICE Population ³	
Adult Male Population (as of May 8, 2025)	
Adult Female Population (as of May 8, 2025)	

This was ODO's first compliance inspection of the Sweetwater County Jail.

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 May 5, 2025.

³ *Ibid.*

ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION PROCESS

In FY 2025, ODO implemented an OASIP, which replaces the annual Special Review inspections ODO conducted at most low average daily population (ADP) and/or short-term use facilities. This new inspection framework is more reflective of the actual operational demand of facilities with a low ADP and/or short-term use. OASIP inspections focus on facility compliance with ICE NDS 2019 requirements that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being, and have corresponding Federal Performance Based Detention Standards requirements. 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.

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 as corrective actions. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with "C" under the *ODO Assisted Self-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.

FINDINGS BY NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2019 MAJOR CATEGORIES

NDS 2019 Standards Inspected ⁴	Deficiencies
Part 1 - Safety	
Environmental Health and Safety	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 2 - Security	
Admission and Release	0
Custody Classification System	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Medical Care	1
Personal Hygiene	1
Sub-Total	2
Part 6 - Justice	
Grievance System	0
Sub-Total	0
Total Deficiencies	2

⁴ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the ODO Assisted Self-Inspection Findings section of this report.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

The facility's ICE detainee population count was zero during the on-site 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 1 ICE detainee for FY 2024.

ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION FINDINGS

SECURITY

ADMISSION AND RELEASE (AR)

ODO found SCJ did not inventory the funds and personal property belonging to detainees when they arrive at the facility. ODO cites this observation as an **Area of Concern**.

CARE

MEDICAL CARE (MC)

ODO reviewed four detainee medical files and found in one out of four files, the detainee received a tuberculosis screening 10 days after arrival; not within 72 hours as required (**Deficiency MC-18⁵**). **This is a priority component.**

PERSONAL HYGIENE (PH)

ODO interviewed an SCJ lieutenant and found the facility does not provide seven pair of socks nor any underwear upon intake. SCJ only provides detainees two pair of socks and detainees must buy underwear through the commissary (**Deficiency PH-11⁶**). **This is a priority component.**

⁵ "A tuberculin skin test or radiograph is performed within 72 hours of arrival." See ICE NDS 2019, Standard, Medical Care, Section (II)(D)(1).

⁶ "Prisoners are issued clean well-maintained clothing items in a sufficient quantity of each item, or provided an opportunity to exchange or have laundered, each item on a weekly equivalent basis: (a) Two outer garments. (b) Seven pairs of underwear (seven undershirts, seven drawers in accordance with gender needs). (c) Seven pairs of socks. Prisoners are issued clean linens and towels in the following quantities and are provided the opportunity to exchange, or have laundered, these items each week: (a) Two sheets. (b) One pillowcase. (c) One towel." See ICE NDS 2019, Standard, Personal Hygiene, Section (II)(E).

CONCLUSION

During this OASIP, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 10 standards under NDS 2019 and found the facility in compliance with 8 of those standards. ODO found two deficiencies in the remaining two standards. Because this was ODO's first inspection of SCJ, prior inspection data does not exist for ODO to perform a trend analysis. ODO recommends ERO Denver work with the facility to resolve the remaining deficiencies in accordance with contractual obligations.

Compliance Inspection Results Compared	No Previous ODO Inspection	FY 2025 OASIP Inspection (NDS 2019)
Standards Reviewed	N/A	10
Deficient Standards	N/A	2
Overall Number of Deficiencies	N/A	2
Priority Component Deficiencies	N/A	2
Repeat Deficiencies	N/A	0
Areas Of Concern	N/A	1
Corrective Actions	N/A	0
Facility Rating	N/A	Acceptable



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