

June 27, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Lead Compliance Inspector  
The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Mesa Verde Detention Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Mesa Verde Detention Facility in Bakersfield, California, during the period of June 25-27, 2019. This is a DIGSA facility.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of [REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector. Team members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]

### **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the June 2018 inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Mesa Verde Detention Facility is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - Yes
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) - Yes
- The Joint Commission (TJC) - No
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - Yes

### **Standards Compliance**

The following information is a summary of the standards that were reviewed and overall compliance that was determined as a result of the 2018 and 2019 annual inspections:

<i>2018 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standard	40
Does Not Meet Standard	0
At Risk	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

<i>2019 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standard	40
Does Not Meet Standard	0
At Risk	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

### Facility Snapshot/Description

The Mesa Verde Detention Facility is located near downtown Bakersfield, California in a residential and small business neighborhood. It is owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO), a private corporation based in Boca Raton, Florida. The facility is a DIGSA site [REDACTED]. It houses adult male and female ICE detainees of all classification levels. [REDACTED]

The perimeter security of the facility is comprised of exterior walls of the building and sections of a thirteen-foot concrete wall supplemented with razor ribbon and microwave sensors. There is a 112-surveillance camera network which monitors the entire perimeter and critical movement and common areas inside the facility. The perimeter of the facility is foot patrolled by an unarmed officer once each shift.

The building was converted to a detention facility and opened in 2015. The facility is a two-level structure containing four [REDACTED] dormitory style general population housing units; there are two housing units located on each level. Three housing units are dedicated to male detainees and one to female detainees. All of the housing units are managed by direct supervision. The facility also has a restricted housing unit which contains three single bed cells. The health care unit has two negative air pressure rooms. All movement is escorted.

Each general population housing unit has a dayroom which contains televisions, a bank of telephones, and seating areas. Each housing unit has tablets for video-visitation, messaging with family and friends, playing music and games, filing grievances, ordering commissary, and accessing pay-for-view entertainment. There are also two other dayrooms not attached to a housing unit where detainees can play X-box games and participate in group activities. There are two outdoor recreation yards containing exercise equipment. All detainees have access to outdoor recreation daily.

The atmosphere in the housing units was relaxed and quiet. Detainees were communicative when approached by staff and they interacted freely with the inspectors. The inspection team interviewed several male and female detainees publicly and privately in segregation, the housing units, in intake, on work assignments, and in the medical unit. Some of the interviews were conducted with the assistance of bilingual staff and use of the language line. Throughout all detainee interviews no substantive complaints or concerns were registered when questioned about personal safety, conditions of confinement, treatment by staff, medical care, asylum requests, court access, food quality, ICE services, visiting privileges, or law library access. Some of the detainees commented the food was not hot enough. The safety SME reviewed these concerns with the food service manager who stated he would give attention to the matter and check the carts' heating elements for proper operation. Logbook entries recorded throughout the inspection period revealed recorded temperatures were within the requirements of the standard.

Sanitation throughout the facility was observed to be above average.

Health services are provided WellPath. All other services are provided by The GEO Group, Inc.

### **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

There were no areas of concern in any of the inspection components. None of the components were rated Does Not Meet Standard.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards. The facility complies with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 for Over 72 hour facilities. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty (40) standards were found to be in compliance.

### **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of compliance and non-compliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324 Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. An out brief was conducted at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

- ICE Officials – [REDACTED] and other ICE representatives
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector  
Printed Name of LCI

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