

November 7, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the South Louisiana ICE Processing Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the South Louisiana Ice Processing Center in Basile, Louisiana, during the period of November 5-7, 2019. This is an IGSA 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. There has not been a previous inspection.

Inspection Summary

The South Louisiana Ice Processing Center is currently accredited by:

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

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 2019 annual inspection:

2018 Annual Inspection-	
Meets Standards	N/A
Does Not Meet Standards	N/A
Repeat Finding	N/A
Not Applicable	N/A

2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified eight (8) deficient component in the following six (6) standards:

Environmental Health and Safety – 2, one which is a Priority component
 Food Service – 2
 Medical Care – 1
 Medical Care (Women) – 1
 Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention – 1
 Correspondence and Other Mail – 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The South Louisiana ICE Processing Center (SLIPC) is owned and operated by The Geo Group, Inc. (GEO) who has an intergovernmental services agreement (IGSA) with Evangeline Parish. The facility is located in a rural area on the outskirts of Basile, Louisiana. The facility closed in 2015 and reopened on June 23, 2019 with male ICE detainees. On July 8, 2019, the male detainees were transferred and the facility began housing female ICE detainees with low custody exclusively. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] An onsite administrative building is utilized by ICE officials and Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) officers. Two Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officers (SDDO) are detailed to the facility.

The 22,914 square foot cinder block facility is located in rural Basile, Louisiana on 25 acres. The exterior building consists of the administration building and a separate warehouse and maintenance building. The square shaped interior compound is comprised of five housing units, medical unit, kitchen and dining hall combination, laundry, central control, and five courtrooms. The interior compound is equipped with a large and small recreation yard and is enclosed with a canopied walkway. The outer perimeter security consists of eight rows of razor wire with a microwave shaker system. Detainees are housed in dormitories. The housing units provide generous open space. Detainees spend the majority of their time socializing in the dayrooms, watching television, using the electronic tablets (video visitation, video chatting, messaging, games, movies, and music) or participating in indoor or outdoor recreational activities. Detainees are permitted two to four hours of outdoor recreation per day seven days a week. The recreation program consists of a walking track, basketball court, volleyball court, stationary exercise equipment, sports AstroTurf soccer field, arts and crafts, board games, yoga, Zumba, and movies. Food service operations are provided in a dining hall with a seating capacity of 240 serving three hot meals per day under the direction of a licensed registered dietician.

An inspection of the housing units, medical unit, and the facility overall reflected a positive environment with above-average sanitation conditions being observed. No less than 100 detainee interviews were conducted. Detainees stated they felt safe. All stated they were treated respectfully by the officers and were receiving services required by the standards. Two detainees complained that “they had to pay for Tylenol on the commissary.” There were no other concerns noted regarding medical services. Five detainees raised complaints about mistreatment from other detainees. There were no grievances or complaints filed



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during the inspection period regarding this issue. The complaints could not be verified. The sanitation standards are above average.

The facility does not charge a co-pay for medical, mental health, or dental care. Health services are provided by GEO Care. A psychologist and mental health social worker are available to the detainee population daily. Commissary services are provided by Union Supply. All other services are provided by GEO employees.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There was one Priority Component rated Does Not Meet Standard:

Environmental Health and Safety

Component #11 – A qualified departmental staff member shall conduct weekly fire and safety inspections.

Findings: Weekly fire and safety inspections have been conducted and documented. The inspections were completed by supervisory personnel who received training from a trainer who was not qualified in fire and safety inspections.

Recommendations: A qualified fire and safety manager should train supervisors in the fire and safety inspection process. Document the training and provide OJT to those conducting the inspections

The facility has a plan to come into compliance but will not be able to comply with this component in the near future. The facility does not have a Fire and Safety Manager.

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 Standards. Forty (40) standards were found to Meet Standards and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A).

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]
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]



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