

September 17, 2020

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility in Elizabeth, New Jersey during the period of September 15-17, 2020. This is a CDF.

The annual 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]
Safety	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[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 October 2019 inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Elizabeth Contract 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 2019 and 2020 annual inspections:

<b>2019 Annual Inspection</b>	
Meets Standards	41
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

<b>2020 Annual Inspection</b>	
Meets Standards	41
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

The inspection team did not identify any deficient components in any standard.

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

This inspection was conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility is located in an industrial warehouse area in Elizabeth, New Jersey across the Hudson River from New York City. The facility is operated by CoreCivic. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The facility currently houses adult male and female ICE detainees with medium and low custody levels. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

The facility opened in 1996. It is a one-story building that houses the detention center, ICE/ERO offices, and three courtrooms. The perimeter of the compound is comprised of the exterior walls of the building and sections of chain link fencing supplemented with barbed wire. Part of the perimeter is enhanced by microwave alarms and motion detection systems which are monitored by central control officers. All of the building's exterior doors are alarmed and controlled by central control officers. The perimeter of the facility is foot patrolled by an unarmed officer at least once each shift on an irregular schedule. The facility has a surveillance camera network that monitors the entire perimeter and all of the housing units, common areas, and movement corridors.

All general population detainees are housed in nine dormitory-style housing units ranging in size from twenty to 44 beds. There are also two six-bed dormitories used specifically for turnarounds (Customs and Border Patrol airport cases) and one special management unit consisting of twelve one-bed cells; one cell dedicated for females and eleven cells for males. All housing units are managed under direct supervision by officers. During the inspection, two dormitories housed sixty detainees that were cohorted due to possible exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

Housing unit dayrooms are equipped with two televisions; fixed dining/seating tables where detainees can play board games and cards, engage in social interactions with one another and watch television; and two kiosks on which detainees can order commissary and check their account balances.

Inspectors interviewed fourteen English-speaking detainees and nine detainees that spoke languages other than English using a language line interpretation service on the telephone. Generally, there were no substantive concerns. All detainees stated that they felt safe at the facility.

Due to the remote nature of the inspection, an overall assessment of the facility sanitary conditions could not be determined.

Detainee medical care is provided by ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC); food service and maintenance services are provided by CoreCivic employees. Detainee telephone services are provided by Talton and the housing unit kiosks are operated by Keefe Group (commissary service provider). ICE detainees are not charged a medical co-payment.

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

The inspection was conducted remotely, and inspectors were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility. The inspection team relied upon photographs and/or video to validate observation of many standards.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standard, unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. The facility complies with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty-one (41) standards were found to Meet Standards.

### **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of compliance and noncompliance 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 remotely and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following participated via telephone:

- ICE Officials - [REDACTED]
- Facility Staff - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector  
Printed Name of LCI

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Date