

December 3, 2020

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

**SUBJECT:** Annual Inspection of the Eden Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed a remote annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS-Over 72 Hours) of the Eden Detention Center in Eden, Texas during the period of December 1-3, 2020. This is an IGSA facility.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of Team members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Detainee Rights	
Security	
Medical Care	
Medical Care	
Safety	

# **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) for over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the December 2019 annual inspection.

## **Inspection Summary**

The Eden Detention 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 and 2020 annual inspections:



2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	38
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

2020 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	38
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

The inspection team identified five (5) deficient components in the following four (4) standards:

Environmental Health and Safety - 1 Special Management Unit (Administrative Segregation) – 1 Special Management Unit (Disciplinary Segregation) – 1 Staff Detainee Communication - 2

### Facility Snapshot/Description

The Eden Detention Center is located in Eden, Texas. The facility is located 45 miles southwest of San Angelo, Texas. The facility is owned and operated by CoreCivic. According to the quality assurance manager, the facility was built in 1985 and served as a contract facility for Federal Bureau of Prisons inmates until 2017. The facility was closed for two years and reopened in May 2019 under contract with the United States Marshal Service and Immigration and Customs.

Currently, the facility houses male USMS inmates and adult male ICE detainees of all custody levels.

The facility is comprised of seven dormitory style housing units for general population and two specialty housing units. One specialty housing unit, with 58 double-bunked cells, is designated for ICE detainees with a high security classification level. The second unit, with 34 double-bunked cells, is designated as the Restricted Housing Unit (RHU) which includes administrative and disciplinary segregation. Direct supervision for each general population housing unit is provided by two officers and a roving patrol officer in each unit. The two specialty units are under direct supervision with one officer on duty at all times. The facility's perimeter security fence consists of two twelve-foot fences topped with razor wire and a stun fence between the two fences.

Each housing unit dayroom is furnished with tables, chairs, a television, a microwave, telephones, and a sufficient number of showers and wash basins. Each housing unit is provided with a computer equipped with LexisNexis, available for detainee use during facility waking hours. Detainees in general population have access to the outdoor recreation area two hours per day, seven days a week.

Operational changes due to COVID-19 include no longer serving meals in the dining room. All meals are served in the dormitories. Social visitation has been canceled. There is no time frame to resume visitation. Attorney visitation is occurring. Non-contact visitation is encouraged. All ICE Detainees receive 500 minutes monthly to use on the detainee phone system in order to stay in contact with family and friends. Sanitation in housing units is required at a minimum of once per twelve-hour shift. Spray on disinfectant is also available at all phones and recreation equipment. All detainees are placed on a fourteen-day quarantine upon arrival. All detainees exiting the facility have their temperatures checked and are provided



literature on the communicability of COVID-19 and are provided hand sanitizing items, if they are being released.

The inspection team conducted sixteen remote interviews. The Language Line was used when interviewing detainees with limited English proficiency. There were no complaints regarding visitation, telephone services, or access to the law library. Detainees stated that they felt safe in the facility. Two detainees stated that "they have been waiting for months to be deported." Both detainees discussed their situation with the ICE officer. The Language Line was used to conduct interviews of LEP detainees. No detainee had used the OIG hotline. One detainee stated that rice and beans are served two to three times per day. The Safety SME confirmed that the menu meets the dietary requirements of the standard. Rice and beans were not served every day.

Food service is operated via a contract with Trinity Food Service. Medical Services are operated by facility employees. The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care.

# **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

There were no areas of concern or significant observations from this remote inspection. 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 videos to validate the observation of many standards.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS). No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standards and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). The remaining thirty-eight (38) standards were found to Meet Standards.

#### **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of compliance and noncompliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324A 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:





, Lead Compliance Inspector

December 3, 2020

Printed Name of LCI

Date