

October 24, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Limestone County Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the Limestone County Detention Center in Groesbeck, Texas during the period of October 22-24, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

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

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

### **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility was not inspected previously.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Limestone County 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 annual inspections:

<b>2018-Not inspected</b>	
Acceptable	
Deficient	
Repeat Finding	
Not Applicable	

<b>2019 Annual Inspection</b>	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified twenty-two (22) deficient components in the following nine (9) standards:

- Food Service – 3
- Detainee Grievance Procedures – 1
- Access to Medical Care – 1
- Environmental Health and Safety – 7
- Hold Rooms – 1
- Key and Lock Control – 3
- Post Orders – 1
- Tool Control – 3
- Staff/Detainee Communications - 2

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Limestone County Detention Center (LCDC) is owned by Limestone County and is governed by Limestone County officials. The facility is managed by LaSalle Corrections LLC. The facility is located approximately 100 miles south of Dallas in a rural area of Groesbeck, Texas. The facility houses adult male U.S. Marshals Service, Bureau of Prisons and ICE detainees. No female or minor detainees are housed in the facility.

The facility houses minimum custody level ICE detainees. The facility began housing detainees May 12, 2019. This is the first inspection since occupancy of ICE detainees.

The physical plant is configured on one level with six interconnecting buildings operated by a central control center. Housing wings are operated by a satellite control center. The facility consists of six housing areas for detainees, medical housing and two segregation areas. The ICE housing units include two units consisting of 24 eight-person dormitories and five sixteen-person dormitories. Monitored camera surveillance extends around the entire perimeter and all areas of the interior of the facility. The perimeter is comprised of two twelve-foot chain link fences enhanced with razor ribbon.

The atmosphere in the housing units was relaxed. Detainees interacted freely with one another, staff and the inspectors. Staff were professional in appearance and demonstrated a working knowledge of the daily schedule and how the standards impacted their individual jobs. Employees were observed to interact respectfully to detainees, with the exception of one incident observed on the third day of the inspection. A correctional officer was observed screaming at detainees during a recount. The warden was advised and stated that he would follow up. Dayroom activities include watching television, playing cards and talking on the telephone. Detainees were observed participating in outdoor recreation.

Detainees spoke with the inspection team without hesitation. The inspection team conducted no less than 100 interviews with detainees. Confidential interviews with LEP detainees using a language line were conducted. Without exception, detainees stated that they felt safe. The consensus of seven detainees stated that the “food is



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bland and the same menu is served over and over". During the inspection, the one-week menu cycle was updated to a five-week cycle. There were no concerns expressed regarding contact with ICE officers, access to the law library, medical services and/or the availability of legal services.

All services are provided by LaSalle employees. Detainees are not charged a co-payment for any services rendered.

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

There were no areas of concern or significant observations.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Acceptable. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS). No (0) standards were found Deficient and two (2) standard were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-seven (37) standards were found to be in compliance.

### **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 at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

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Date