

July 26, 2018

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Detention Inspection of the Nevada Southern Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2008 of the Nevada Southern Detention Center in Pahrump, Nevada during the period of July 24-26, 2018. This is an IGSA facility.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of 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 PBNDS 2008 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the August 2017 inspection.

#### **Inspection Summary**

The Nevada Southern Detention Center 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 2017 and 2018 PBNDS 2008 annual inspections:



2017 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standard	39
Does Not Meet Standard	0
At Risk	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

2018 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standard	0
At Risk	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

### Facility Snapshot/Description

The Nevada Southern Detention Center is owned and operated by CoreCivic. The facility is located approximately 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas in Pahrump, Nevada. The facility houses male and female

The compound is one single story building surrounded by two thirteen-foot chain link fences enhanced with sixteen rows of razor ribbon between them and a stun fence on the interior fence line. The entire perimeter is under camera surveillance which is continuously monitored by central control officers. There is a paved perimeter road that encircles the entire compound. It is patrolled twenty-four hours a day be an armed officer. All exterior doors are alarmed. The facility has 134 surveillance cameras. The housing units and all support departments are accessible off one long main corridor. All movement is observed by officers.

There are eleven general population housing units and one special management unit. ICE housing units are dormitory settings ranging in size from 48-96 beds. The housing units are managed by indirect supervision. All general population housing units have an adjacent outdoor recreation area which is openly accessible during waking hours. The atmosphere during the inspection was relaxed. Detainees interacted freely with one another and staff. Familiarity between detainees and officers was apparent by their acknowledgement of each other by name. Supervisors were professional in both attire and attitude and demonstrated a working knowledge of how the standards impacted their individual jobs. Dayroom activities include watching television, cards, board games and conversation.

Detainees spoke with the inspection team without hesitation. The inspection team conducted 39 interviews with detainees. Ten were open area interviews, eighteen were confidential and eleven were with LEP detainees using interpreters or the language line. The two substantive concerns registered, medical treatment and trust fund balance, were referred to the health care unit and ICE/business office for follow-up. Those cases were addressed with same day medical treatment and trust fund account answers delivered to the detainees. Satisfactory resolutions were achieved on each issue.

The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care. The food service operation is contracted to Trinity Services Group. All other services are provided by CoreCivic.

### Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no areas of concern or significant observations.

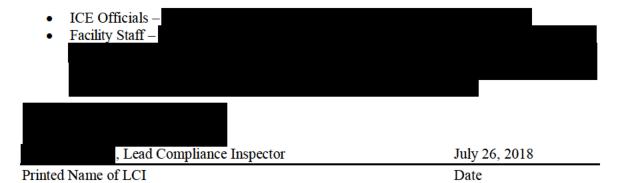


## **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards. The facility complies with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2008. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standards and one (1) standard was 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:



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