

October 14, 2020

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Mesa Verde ICE Processing Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Mesa Verde ICE Processing Facility in Bak-ersfield, California during the period of October 13-14, 2020. This is a DIGSA.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of [REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspec-tor. 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. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the June 2019 annual inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Mesa Verde 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 PBNDS 2011 annual compliance inspections:

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

2020 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified one (1) deficient component in the following standard:

Environmental Health and Safety - 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Mesa Verde ICE Processing Facility is located in Bakersfield, California in a small business and residential neighborhood. It is owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO), a private corporation based in Boca Raton, Florida. The facility is a DIGSA [REDACTED] that houses adult male and female ICE detainees of all classification levels. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The facility is not accepting any new detainees due to a court order as a result of COVID-19. Prior to COVID-19 restrictions [REDACTED]

The perimeter security of the facility is comprised of exterior walls of the building and sections of a thirteen-foot concrete wall supplemented with razor ribbon and microwave sensors. There is a 112-surveillance camera network that monitors the entire perimeter, critical movement, and common areas inside the facility. The perimeter of the facility is foot patrolled by an unarmed officer once each shift. Due to recent demonstrations/protests, temporary fencing has been placed in front of the facility to restrict access to the entrance and the parking areas.

The building was converted to a detention facility and opened in 2015. The two-level facility has four dormitory-style, general population housing units with a design capacity of 100 detainees per unit. There are two housing units on each floor. Three housing units are dedicated to male detainees and one to female detainees. All housing units are managed by direct supervision. The facility has a restricted housing unit which contains three single bed cells. The health care unit has two negative air pressure rooms. All movement is escorted.

Each general population housing unit has a dayroom which provides space and seating for detainees to socialize and tables for board games. Board games, televisions, microwaves, telephones, and tablets are available for detainees. Detainees may use the tablets for video visits, messaging with family and friends, playing music and games, filing grievances, ordering commissary, and submitting requests to facility and ICE staff. Four law library computers are also available in a separate area. Detainees may currently visit with family and friends through video visitation only, as all general visits have been discontinued due to COVID-19. There are two outdoor recreation yards containing exercise equipment. Meals are normally served in the dining hall but are currently being served in the housing units due to COVID-19.

The atmosphere in the housing units was relaxed. Limited English proficient (LEP) detainees were interviewed via a telephonic translation service. One detainee was interviewed in the SMU. He stated that he was being treated well and the medical staff visited him daily. All detainees stated that they felt safe in the facility and that they were treated well by staff. One detainee complained that there was too much soy being served. The menus were reviewed, and it was determined that no soy was being served. The detain-



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ees stated that the facility was clean and that extra steps were being taken due to COVID-19. Several detainees stated that they felt the cost for commissary items was too high. All facility personnel interviewed were well versed in facility policy and the requirements of the standards and were responsive to all requests made by the inspection team.

Medical care is provided by WellPath. All other services are provided by The GEO Group, Inc. Detainees are not charged co-pay fees for medical, dental, or mental health services.

Due to COVID-19, the facility enacted its Pandemic Plan. No new detainees are being accepted. All staff and detainees are tested for COVID weekly and anyone entering the facility must wear a mask, have their temperature taken and recorded, and must complete a questionnaire. Only legal visitation is permitted. Detainees are provided thirteen ten-minute telephone calls each week, free of charge, instead of on-site general visits. Sanitation was noted to be above average with areas frequently touched being constantly cleaned. During this inspection, no detainees or staff tested positive for COVID-19.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no areas of concern or significant observations during this inspection.

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. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and two (2) standards were 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. In addition to the Nakamoto Group Inspection Team, the following were present:

- ICE Officials – [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

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Date