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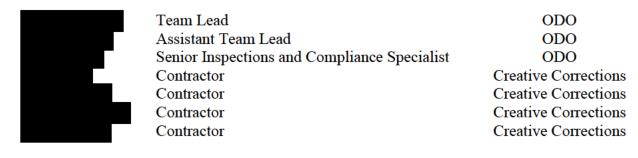
FOLLOW-UP COMPLIANCE INSPECTION of the ADELANTO ICE PROCESSING CENTER

Adelanto, California

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FACILITY OVERVIEW

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Office of Detention Oversight (ODO) conducted a follow-up compliance inspection of the Adelanto ICE Processing Center (AIPC) in Adelanto, California, from July 16 to 18, 2024. This inspection focused on the standards found deficient during ODO's last inspection of AIPC from February 6 to 8, 2024. The facility opened in 2011 and is owned and operated by The Geo Group, Inc. (GEO). The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at AIPC in 2011 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Los Angeles (ERO Los Angeles). The facility operates under the Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 (Revised 2016).

A facility administrator handles daily operations and manages support personnel. GEO provides food services and medical care, and Keefe Commissary provides commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care in June 2022 and the American Correctional Association in January 2023. In September 2023, AIPC was audited for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and was DHS PREA certified.

| Capacity and Population Statistics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| ICE Bed Capacity. ² | |
| Average ICE Population ³ | |
| Adult Male Population (as of July 16, 2024) | |
| Adult Female Population (as of July 16, 2024) | |

During its last full inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, ODO found 1 deficiency in the following area: Post Orders (1).

¹ This facility holds male and female detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high, and high security classification levels for periods greater than 72 hours.

² Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of July 15, 2024.

FOLLOW-UP COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PROCESS

ODO conducts biannual oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities with an average daily population (ADP) of 10 or more detainees, and where detainees are housed for longer than 72-hours, to assess compliance with ICE National Detention Standards. In FY 2021, to meet congressional requirements, ODO began conducting follow-up inspections at all over-72-hour ICE detention facilities with an ADP of 10 or more detainees that ODO conducted a full inspection of earlier in the FY. Follow-up inspections focus on facility compliance with detention standards that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being, and other standards ODO found deficient during the previous rated inspection to assess the facility's corrective actions taken to address those previously cited deficiencies.⁴

ODO identifies violations of ICE detention standards, ICE policies, or operational procedures, as "deficiencies." ODO highlights instances when the facility resolves deficiencies prior to completion of the ODO inspection. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with "C" under the *Compliance Inspection Findings* section of this report.

While follow-up inspections are intended to focus on previously identified deficiencies, ODO will conduct a complete review of several core standards, which may include but are not limited to Medical Care, Hunger Strikes, Suicide Prevention, Food Service, Environmental Health and Safety, Emergency Plans, Use of Force and Restraints/Use of Physical Control Measures and Restraints, Admission and Release, Classification, and Funds and Personal Property. ODO may decide to conduct a second full inspection of a facility in the same FY based on additional information obtained prior to ODO's arrival on-site. Factors ODO will consider when deciding to conduct a second full inspection will include the total number of deficiencies cited during the first inspection, the number of deficient standards found during the first inspection, the completion status of the first inspection's uniform corrective action plan (UCAP), and other information ODO obtains from internal and external sources ahead of the follow-up compliance inspection. Conditions found during the inspection may also lead ODO to assess new areas and identify new deficiencies or areas of concern should facility practices run contrary to ICE standards. Any areas found non-compliant during both the full and follow-up inspection are annotated as "Repeat Deficiencies" in this report.

⁴ ODO reviews the facility's compliance with selected standards in their entirety.

FINDINGS BY PERFORMANCE-BASED NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2011 (REVISED 2016) MAJOR CATEGORIES

| PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) Standards Inspected. ^{5,6} | Deficiencies |
|---|--------------|
| Part 1 - Safety | |
| Emergency Plans | 0 |
| Environmental Health and Safety | 0 |
| Sub-Total | 0 |
| Part 2 - Security | |
| Admission and Release | 0 |
| Custody Classification System | 0 |
| Facility Security and Control | 0 |
| Funds and Personal Property | 0 |
| Post Orders | 0 |
| Special Management Units | 0 |
| Staff-Detainee Communication | 0 |
| Use of Force and Restraints | 0 |
| Sub-Total | 0 |
| Part 4 – Care | |
| Food Service | 0 |
| Hunger Strikes | 0 |
| Medical Care | 0 |
| Medical Care (Women) | 0 |
| Significant Self-harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention | 0 |
| Sub-Total | 0 |
| Part 5 – Activities | |
| Recreation | 0 |
| Telephone Access | 0 |
| Sub-Total | 0 |
| Part 6 - Justice | |
| Grievance System | 0 |
| Sub-Total | 0 |
| Total Deficiencies | 0 |

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⁵ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Follow-up Compliance Inspection Findings* section of this report.

⁶ Beginning in FY 2024, ODO instituted a process of rotating all standards every other year. As a result, some standards may not be present in all inspections.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed two detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. The remaining two detainees declined ODO's request for an interview. None of the detainees made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. All detainees reported satisfaction with facility services.

FOLLOW-UP COMPLIANCE INSPECTION FINDINGS

There were no findings during the inspection.

CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 18 standards under PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) and found the facility in compliance with all 18 standards. Since AIPC's last full inspection in February 2024, the facility's compliance with PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) has trended upward. AIPC went from 1 deficient standard and 1 deficiency in February 2024 to no deficiencies during this follow-up compliance inspection. AIPC completed its UCAP for its last inspection in February 2024, which likely resolved the previous deficiency ODO cited. ODO recommends ERO Los Angeles continue to work with the facility to ensure the facility maintains its high-level of compliance with PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016).

| Compliance Inspection Results Compared | FY 2024 Full Inspection (PBNDS 2011) (Revised 2016) | FY 2024 Follow-Up Inspection (PBNDS 2011) (Revised 2016) |
|--|---|--|
| Standards Reviewed | 29 | 18 |
| Deficient Standards | 1 | 0 |
| Overall Number of Deficiencies | 1 | 0 |
| Priority Component Deficiencies | 0 | 0 |
| Repeat Deficiencies | 0 | 0 |
| Areas Of Concern | 0 | 0 |
| Corrective Actions | 0 | 0 |
| Facility Rating | Superior | N/A |