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**ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION
of the
COASTAL BEND DETENTION FACILITY
Robstown, Texas**

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ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION TEAM MEMBERS



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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 an assisted self-inspection of the Coastal Bend Detention Facility (CBDF) in Robstown, Texas, from January 8 to February 6, 2025.¹ The facility opened in 2008 and is owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO). The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at CBDF in 2017 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Harlingen (ERO Harlingen). ICE is an authorized user of this facility under a United States Marshals Service Intergovernmental Agreement contract, which does not specify an ICE National Detention Standard (NDS). ODO inspected against the NDS 2019, which is the NDS listed on the ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of February 3, 2025.

[REDACTED] A facility administrator handles daily operations and manages [REDACTED] support personnel. Single Source provides food services, GEO provides medical care, and Keefe Commissary provides commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the American Correctional Association in January 2024. In May 2023, CBDF was audited for the Department of Justice (DOJ) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and was DOJ PREA certified.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity ²	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population ³	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of February 4, 2025)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of February 4, 2025)	[REDACTED]

During its last rated inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, ODO found no deficiencies.

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

² Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of February 3, 2025.

³ *Ibid.*

ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION PROCESS

In FY 2025, ODO implemented an Assisted Self-Inspection Process (OASIP), which replaces the annual Special Review inspections ODO conducted at most low average daily population (ADP) and/or short-term use facilities. This new inspection framework is more reflective of the actual operational demand of facilities with a low ADP and/or short-term use. OASIP inspections focus on facility compliance with ICE NDS 2019 requirements that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being, and have corresponding Federal Performance Based Detention Standards (FPBDS) requirements. Facilities have 30 calendar days to complete the OASIP inspection, and ODO staff will go on site towards the end of the 30-day inspection window to observe facility conditions, interview ICE detainees, and spot-check the facility's reported findings.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 *Assisted Self-Inspection Findings* section of this report.

Upon completion of each inspection, ODO conducts a closeout briefing with facility and local ERO officials to discuss preliminary findings. A summary of these findings is shared with ERO management officials. Thereafter, ODO provides ICE leadership with a final compliance inspection report to: (i) assist ERO in developing and initiating corrective action plans; and (ii) provide senior executives with an independent assessment of facility operations. ODO's findings inform ICE executive management in their decision-making to better allocate resources across the agency's entire detention inventory.

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

FINDINGS BY NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2019 MAJOR CATEGORIES

NDS 2019 Standards Inspected ⁵	Deficiencies
Part 1 - Safety	
Environmental Health and Safety	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 2 - Security	
Admission and Release	0
Custody Classification System	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Medical Care	0
Personal Hygiene	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 6 - Justice	
Grievance System	0
Sub-Total	0
Total Deficiencies	0

⁵ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the ODO Assisted Self-Inspection Findings section of this report.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed two detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. Neither detainee made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. Both detainees reported satisfaction with facility services.

ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION FINDINGS

ODO found no deficiencies during the inspection.

CONCLUSION

During this OASIP, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 10 standards under NDS 2019 and found the facility in compliance with all 10 standards. This inspection is the facility's first OASIP. Since the facility's last 3 rated inspections – first, July 2022, reviewed under the Performance Based Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2008; second, December 2022, reviewed under PBNDS 2008; and third, February 2024, reviewed under NDS 2019 - CBDF's compliance with NDS 2019 has remained consistent. As such, the facility sustained its high level of compliance during this most recent inspection with no deficiencies. ODO did not require a uniform corrective action plan for CBDF's last inspection in February 2024. ODO recommends ERO Harlingen continue to work with the facility to maintain its high level of compliance with NDS 2019.

Compliance Inspection Results Compared	FY 2024 Special Review (NDS 2019)	FY 2025 OASIP Inspection (NDS 2019)
Standards Reviewed	10	10
Deficient Standards	0	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	0	0
Priority Component Deficiencies	0	0
Repeat Deficiencies	0	0
Areas of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Superior	Superior



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