

## Desert View Correctional Facility Inspection (2024-002-381)

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Desert View Modified Community
Correctional Facility
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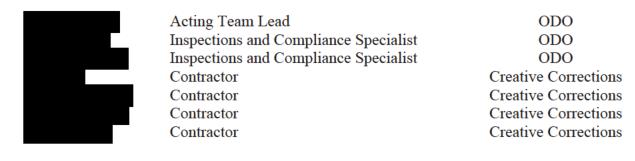
#### DESERT VIEW MODIFIED COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Adelanto, California

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#### FOLLOW-UP COMPLIANCE INSPECTION TEAM MEMBERS



#### 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 Desert View Modified Community Correctional Facility (DVMCCF) in Adelanto, California, from August 13 to 15, 2024. ODO focused on the core follow-up inspection standards because DVMCCF had no deficiencies during its inspection in February 2024. The facility opened in 2021 and is owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO). The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at DVMCCF in 2021 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 January 2022 and the American Correctional Association in January 2023. In September 2023, DVMCCF 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. <sup>2</sup>		
Average ICE Population. <sup>3</sup>		
Adult Male Population (as of August 13, 2024)		
Adult Female Population (as of August 13, 2024)		

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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This facility holds male and female detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high, and high security classification levels for periods greater than 72 hours.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of August 12, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

#### 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.<sup>4</sup>

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 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 inspections are annotated as "Repeat Deficiencies" in this report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5,6</sup>	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			
Searches of Detainees	0			
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	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				
Telephone Access	0			
Voluntary Work Program	0			
Sub-Total	0			
Part 7 - Administration and Management				
Detention Files	0			
Sub-Total	0			
Total Deficiencies	0			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the Follow-up Compliance Inspection Findings section of this report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 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 16 detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. One detainee declined ODO's request for an interview. None of the detainees made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. All 16 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 19 standards under PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) and found the facility in compliance with all 19 standards. Since DVMCCF's last rated inspection in February 2024, the facility's compliance with PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) has remained consistent. ODO did not require the completion of a UCAP from the facility because ODO found no deficiencies during the last inspection in February 2024. ODO recommends ERO Los Angeles continue to work with the facility to maintain compliance.

Compliance Inspection Results Compared	FY 2024 Full Inspection (PBNDS 2011) (Revised 2016)	FY 2024 Follow-Up Inspection (PBNDS 2011) (Revised 2016)
Standards Reviewed	29	19
Deficient Standards	0	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	0	0
Priority Component Deficiencies	0	0
Repeat Deficiencies	0	0
Areas Of Concern	1	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Superior	N/A



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