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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 unannounced follow-up compliance inspection of the Wyatt Detention Center (WDC) in Central Falls, Rhode Island, from September 17 to 19, 2024.¹ This inspection focused on the standards found deficient during ODO's last inspection of WDC from March 26 to 28, 2024. The facility opened in 1993 and is owned and operated by Central Falls Detention Facility Cooperation. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at WDC in 2019 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Boston (ERO Boston). 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 WDC against the NDS 2019, which is the NDS listed on the ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of September 16, 2024. ODO's assigned rating is for ERO's informational purposes only.

[REDACTED] A warden handles daily facility operations and manages support personnel. Trinity Services provides food services, Keefe Commissary provides commissary services, and WDC facility staff provides medical care. The facility was accredited by the American Correctional Association in April 2021.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity ²	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population ³	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of September 17, 2024)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of September 17, 2024)	[REDACTED]

During its last rated inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, ODO found 4 deficiencies in the following areas: Environmental Health and Safety (2); Food Service (1); and Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention (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 September 16, 2024.

³ *Ibid.*

UNANNOUNCED FOLLOW-UP COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PROCESS

ODO conducts 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. While these inspections focus on facility compliance with detention standards that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being, in FY 2024 ODO added additional standards to the scope of each full inspection to ensure ODO inspects every standard at each facility at least once every other year. 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.⁴

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

In FY 2022, ODO began conducting unannounced inspections of ICE detention facilities, ensuring each facility subject to biannual inspections receives an unannounced inspection at least once every 3 years. Upon completion of each special review or unannounced 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 UCAPs; 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 ^{5,6,7}	Deficiencies
Part 1 - Safety	
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
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Special Management Units	0
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Hunger Strikes	0
Medical Care	0
Personal Hygiene	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

⁵ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Unannounced 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.

⁷ During an unannounced inspection, ODO will review a facility's compliance with at least 10 individual standards; however, unannounced full inspections will include a review of the same standards as announced full inspections.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed 19 detainees who voluntarily agreed to participate. ODO attempted to interview seven additional detainees; however, all seven 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.

UNANNOUNCED FOLLOW-UP COMPLIANCE INSPECTION FINDINGS

ODO had no findings during the inspection.

CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 16 standards under NDS 2019 and found the facility in compliance with all 16 standards. Since WDC's last rated inspection in March 2024, the facility's compliance with NDS 2019 has trended upward. WDC went from 3 deficient standards and 4 deficiencies in March 2024 to no deficient standards and no deficiencies during this inspection. WDC completed its UCAP for its last inspection in March 2024, which likely resolved the previous deficiencies ODO cited. ODO recommends ERO Boston continue to work with the facility to maintain a high-level of compliance with NDS 2019.

Compliance Inspection Results Compared	FY 2024 Full Inspection (NDS 2019)	FY 2024 Follow-Up Inspection (NDS 2019)
Standards Reviewed	24	16
Deficient Standards	3	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	4	0
Priority Component Deficiencies	0	0
Repeat Deficiencies	1	0
Areas Of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Good	N/A



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