

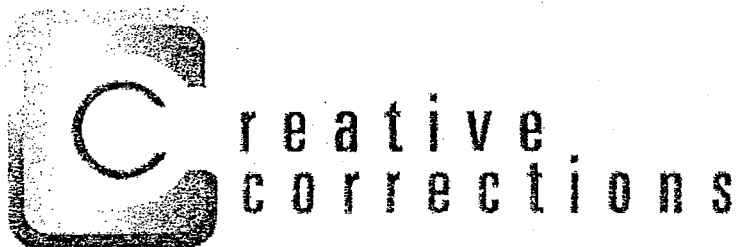
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# ICE Detention Standards Compliance Review

**Val Verde County Correctional Facility**

September 30 - October 2, 2008

REPORT DATE - October 9, 2008



Contract Number: ODT-6-D-0001  
Order Number: HSCEOP-07-F-01016

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October 9, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR: James T. Hayes, Jr.  
Director  
Office of Detention and Removal Operations

FROM:

[REDACTED] b6, b7c  
Reviewer-In-Charge

*JTH*

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

SUBJECT: Val Verde County Correctional Facility Annual Detention Review

Creative Corrections conducted the Annual Detention Review (ADR) of Val Verde County Correctional Facility, in Del Rio, Texas, on September 30 - October 2, 2008. Val Verde County has an Intergovernmental Services Agreement (IGSA) with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) to house adult male and female ICE detainees for over 72 hours. Val Verde County Correctional Facility is operated by The GEO Group, Inc., and ICE detainees were housed in the facility during 2001-2005. The facility is working with the Sub-Office in Del Rio in anticipation of bed space for detainees in the future. As noted on the attached documents, the team of Subject Matter Experts (SME) included [REDACTED] b6, Health Services; [REDACTED] b6, b7c Environmental Health and Safety; [REDACTED] b6, b7c Security; and [REDACTED] b6 Food Service.

A closeout meeting was held on October 2, 2008, with [REDACTED] b6, b7c Warden; [REDACTED] b6, b7c Deputy Warden; [REDACTED] b6, b7c Supervisory Deportation Officer; and [REDACTED] b6, b7c Deportation Officer, Del Rio ICE Office. During this meeting, all concerns and recommendations were discussed.

### Type of Review

This review is a scheduled Detention Standard Review to determine compliance with ICE National Detention Standards for facilities used over 72 hours.

### Review Summary

Val Verde County Correctional Facility is accredited by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. It is not accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA), National

**Standards Compliance:**

The following statistical information provides a direct comparison of the October 2008 ADR and the ADR conducted in June 2004.

**June 2004 Review**

<b>Compliant</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Deficient</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>At Risk</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Non-Applicable</b>	<b>1</b>

**September 2008, Review**

<b>Compliant</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Deficient</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>At-Risk</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Non-Applicable</b>	<b>3</b>

**Recommended Rating and Justification**

It is the Reviewer-In-Charge recommendation that the facility receive a rating of "Acceptable" Although Val Verde County Correctional Facility currently has no ICE detainees; the facility has incorporated the requirements of the National Detention Standards. The warden is coordinating efforts for future use with local ICE officials. Additional bed space is anticipated with the activation of a 1,500 bed GEO facility in Laredo, Texas.

**RIC Assurance Statement**

All findings of this review have been documented on the Detention Review Worksheet attached and are supported by the written documentation contained in the review file.

**A. Type of Facility Reviewed**

ICE Service Processing Center  
 ICE Contract Detention Facility  
 ICE Intergovernmental Service Agreement

**B. Current Inspection**

Type of Inspection  
 Field Office  HQ Inspection  
 Date[s] of Facility Review  
**September 30 - October 2, 2008**

**C. Previous/Most Recent Facility Review**

Date[s] of Last Facility Review  
**2005**  
 Previous Rating  
 Superior  Good  Acceptable  Deficient  At-Risk

**D. Name and Location of Facility**

Name  
 Val Verde Correctional Facility  
 Address (Street and Name)  
 253 FM 2523 Hamilton Lane  
 City, State and Zip Code  
 Del Rio, Texas 78840  
 County  
 Val Verde  
 Name and Title of Chief Executive Officer (Warden/OIC/Supt.)  
 Warden [redacted] b6, b7c  
 Telephone # (Include Area Code)  
 (830) [redacted] b6, b7c  
 Field Office / Sub-Office (List Office with oversight responsibilities)  
 San Antonio, Texas  
 Distance from Field Office  
 150 miles

**E. ICE Information**

Name of Inspector (Last Name, Title and Duty Station)  
 [redacted] b6, b7c / Reviewer-In-Charge /  
 Name of Team Member / Title / Duty Location  
 [redacted] b6 / SME / Medical  
 Name of Team Member / Title / Duty Location  
 [redacted] b6 / SME / Food Service  
 Name of Team Member / Title / Duty Location  
 [redacted] b6, b7c / SME / Safety  
 Name of Team Member / Title / Duty Location  
 [redacted] b6, b7c / SME / Security

**F. CDF/IGSA Information Only**

Contract Number  
 80-98-0061  
 Date of Contract or IGSA  
 October 1, 1998  
 Basic Rates per Man-Day  
 \$50.57  
 Other Charges: (If None, Indicate N/A)  
 N/A

Estimated Man-days Per Year:  
 \* See Comments on page 4.

**G. Accreditation Certificates**

List all State or National Accreditation[s] received:  
 Texas Commission on Jail Standards  
 Check box if facility has no accreditation[s]

**H. Problems / Complaints (Copies must be attached)**

The Facility is under Court Order or Class Action Finding  
 Court Order  Class Action Order  
 The Facility has Significant Litigation Pending  
 Major Litigation  Life/Safety Issues  
 Check if None.

**I. Facility History**

Date Built  
 2000  
 Date Last Remodeled or Upgraded  
 2007  
 Date New Construction / Bed space Added  
 December, 2007 / 576 Beds  
 Future Construction Planned  
 Yes  No Date:  
 Current Bed space  
 1,451  
 Future Bed space (# New Beds only)  
 Number: Date:

**J. Total Facility Population**

Total Facility Intake for previous 12 months  
 23,659  
 Total ICE Man-days for Previous 12 months  
 0

**K. Classification Level (ICE SPCs and CDFs Only)**

	L-1	L-2	L-3
Adult Male			
Adult Female			

**L. Facility Capacity**

	Rated	Operational	Emergency
Adult Male	1,291	1,291	0
Adult Female	160	160	0

Facility holds Juveniles Offenders 16 and older as Adults

**M. Average Daily Population**

	ICE	USMS	Other
Adult Male	0	880	131
Adult Female	0	111	13

**N. Facility Staffing Level**

Security: [redacted] b2High Support:

**Significant Incident Summary Worksheet**

For ICE to complete its review of your facility, the following information must be completed prior to the scheduled review dates. The information on this form should contain data for the past twelve months in the boxes provided. The information on this form is used in conjunction with the ICE Detention Standards in assessing your Detention Operations against the needs of the ICE and its detained population. This form should be filled out by the facility prior to the start of any inspection. Failure to complete this section will result in a delay in processing this report and the possible reduction or removal of ICE' detainees at your facility.

<i>Incidents</i>	<i>Description</i>	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun	Jul – Sept	Oct – Dec
Assault: Offenders on Offenders <sup>1</sup>	Types (Sexual <sup>2</sup> , Physical, etc.)	10 P	2 P	10 P	2 P
	With Weapon	0	0	0	0
	Without Weapon	10	2	10	2
Assault: Detainee on Staff	Types (Sexual Physical, etc.)	2 P	1 P	0	0
	With Weapon	0	0	0	0
	Without Weapon	2	1	0	0
Number of Forced Moves, incl. Forced Cell moves <sup>3</sup>	/	1	0	0	1
Disturbances <sup>4</sup>		0	0	0	0
Number of Times Chemical Agents Used		5	4	1	9
Number of Times Special Reaction Team Deployed/Used		0	0	0	0
# Times Four/Five Point Restraints applied/used	Number/Reason (M=Medical, V=Violent Behavior, O=Other)	0	0	0	0
	Type (C=Chair, B=Bed, BB=Board, O=Other)	0	0	0	0
Offender / Detainee Medical Referrals as a result of injuries sustained.		4	2	1	1
Escapes	Attempted	0	0	0	0
	Actual	0	0	0	0
Grievances:	# Received	14	23	19	13
	# Resolved in favor of Offender/Detainee	1	1	0	2
Deaths	Reason (V=Violent, I=Illness, S=Suicide, A=Attempted Suicide, O=Other)	0	0	0	0
	Number	0	0	0	0
Psychiatric / Medical Referrals	# Medical Cases referred for Outside Care	41	32	18	42
	# Psychiatric Cases referred for Outside Care	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Any attempted physical contact or physical contact that involves two or more offenders

<sup>2</sup> Oral, anal or vaginal penetration or attempted penetration involving at least 2 parties, whether it is consenting or non-consenting

<sup>3</sup> Routine transportation of detainees/offenders is not considered "forced"

<sup>4</sup> Any incident that involves four or more detainees/offenders, includes gang fights, organized multiple hunger strikes, work stoppages, hostage situations, major fires, or other large scale incidents.

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DHS/ICE Detention Standards Review Summary Report						
1. Acceptable 2. Deficient 3. At Risk 4. Repeat Finding 5. Not Applicable						
Legal Access Standards		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
1.	Access to Legal Materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	Group Presentations on Legal Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	Visitation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	Telephone Access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Detainee Services						
5.	Admission and Release	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	Classification System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7.	Correspondence and Other Mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8.	Detainee Handbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.	Food Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.	Funds and Personal Property	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Detainee Grievance Procedures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.	Issuance and Exchange of Clothing, Bedding, and Towels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13.	Marriage Requests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	Non-Medical Emergency Escorted Trip	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15.	Recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16.	Religious Practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17.	Voluntary Work Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Services						
18.	Hunger Strikes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
19.	Medical Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
20.	Suicide Prevention and Intervention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
21.	Terminal Illness, Advanced Directives and Death	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Security and Control						
22.	Contraband	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
23.	Detention Files	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24.	Disciplinary Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
25.	Emergency Plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
26.	Environmental Health and Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
27.	Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
28.	Key and Lock Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
29.	Population Counts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
30.	Post Orders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
31.	Security Inspections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
32.	Special Management Units (Administrative Segregation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
33.	Special Management Units (Disciplinary Segregation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
34.	Tool Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
35.	Transportation (Land management)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
36.	Use of Force	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
37.	Staff / Detainee Communication (Added August 2003)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
38.	Detainee Transfer (Added September 2004)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

All findings (Deficient and At-Risk) require written comment describing the finding and what is necessary to meet compliance.

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**RIC Review Assurance Statement**

By signing below, the Reviewer-In-Charge (RIC) certifies that all findings of noncompliance with policy or inadequate controls contained in the Inspection Report are supported by evidence that is sufficient and reliable. Furthermore, findings of noteworthy accomplishments are supported by sufficient and reliable evidence. Within the scope of the review, the facility is operating in accordance with applicable law and policy, and property and resources are efficiently used and adequately safeguarded, except for the deficiencies noted in the report.

Reviewer-In-Charge: (Print Name) [Redacted] b6, b7c	Signature [Handwritten Signature] [Redacted] b6, b7c
Title & Duty Location Reviewer-In-Charge, Creative Corrections	Date October 2, 2008

Team Members	
Print Name, Title, & Duty Location [Redacted] b6 SME - Medical	Print Name, Title, & Duty Location [Redacted] b6, b7c SME - Environmental Health and Safety
Print Name, Title, & Duty Location [Redacted] b6 SME - Food Service	Print Name, Title, & Duty Location [Redacted] b6, b7c SME - Security

**Recommended Rating:**


Superior  
 Good  
 Acceptable  
 Deficient  
 At-Risk

Comments: There are no ICE detainees currently housed at Val Verde Correctional Facility. Detainees were housed at the facility from 2001 until 2005.

# MANAGEMENT REVIEW

## REVIEW AUTHORITY

THE SIGNATURE BELOW CONSTITUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THIS REPORT BY THE REVIEW AUTHORITY. **FOD/OIC/CEO WILL HAVE THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF THIS REPORT TO RESPOND TO ALL FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

HQDRO MANAGEMENT REVIEW: (Print Name)	Signature
James T. Hayes, Jr.	 b6, b7c
Title	Date
Director	January 10, 2009

### FINAL RATING:

- SUPERIOR
- GOOD
- ACCEPTABLE
- DEFICIENT
- AT-RISK

**COMMENTS:** The Review Authority concurs with the recommended rating of Acceptable. A Plan of Action is required for the line item deficiencies noted in the Access to Legal Materials, Detainee Telephone Access, Hunger Strikes, Terminal Illness, Advanced Directives, and Death, Emergency Plans, Key and Lock Control, Post Orders, and Special Management Unit (Disciplinary Segregation) Standards.