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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 inspection of the River Correctional Center (RCC) in Ferriday, Louisiana, from July 21 to 23, 2026.[1] The facility opened in 2001 and is owned and operated by LaSalle Corrections. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at RCC in 2019 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in New Orleans (ERO New Orleans). The facility is a dedicated ICE detention facility and operates under National Detention Standards (NDS) 2025.

ERO has deportation officers assigned full-time to the facility. They are on-site Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A facility administrator handles daily facility operations and manages (b)(7)(e) support personnel. LaSalle Corrections provides food services and medical care, and Correct Commissary provides commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care in June 2022.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity[2]	(b)(7)(e)
Average ICE Population[3]	(b)(7)(e)
Adult Male Population (as of July 21, 2026)	(b)(7)(e)
Adult Female Population (as of July 21, 2026)	(b)(7)(e)

During its last inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, ODO found 7 deficiencies in the following areas: Funds and Personal Property (1); Grievance System (1); Key and Lock Control (3); Transportation (by Land) (1); and Visitation (1).

[1] This facility holds male 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 16, 2026.
[3] *Ibid.*

INSPECTION PROCESS

ODO conducts the following annual and biennial oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities to assess and rate each facility's compliance with their contractually obligated detention standards as noted in the Facility Overview section above.

- Dedicated facility: ODO conducts annual on-site inspections of dedicated inter-governmental service agreement (IGSA) facilities, contract detention facilities (CDF), family residential centers, and service processing centers.

- Non-dedicated IGSA facility:
  - For facilities with an average daily population (ADP) of 50 or more, ODO conducts biennial on-site inspections.
  - For facilities with an ADP of 50 or less,
    - If the facility has not previously had a rated ODO inspection, then ODO conducts an initial on-site inspection, and
    - If the facility has had an ODO inspection, then the facility completes a biennial ODO-assisted self-inspection process (OASIP).

- U.S. Marshal Service (USMS): USMS CDF and intergovernmental agreement facilities complete biennial OASIPs.

In FY 2025, ODO implemented OASIPs, which replaced the annual Special Review inspections ODO conducted at most low ADP and/or short-term use facilities. This new inspection framework is more reflective of the actual operation demand of facilities with a low ADP and/or short-term use. OASIP inspections focus on facility compliance with detention standard requirements that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being. Facilities have 30 calendar days to complete the OASIP inspection and ODO staff will go on-site for 1 day 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 defines a "deficiency" as any violation of detention standards, policies, or operational procedures, as applicable. ODO highlights instances when the facility resolves deficiencies prior to the completion of the ODO inspection as corrective actions. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with a "C" in the *Inspection Findings* section of the report.

Upon completion of each inspection, ODO conducts a closeout briefing with facility and local ERO officials to discuss preliminary findings. ODO shares a summary of these findings with ERO management officials. Thereafter, ODO provides ICE leadership with a final report to: (i) assist ERO in developing and initiating uniform corrective action plans (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] When ODO conducts on-site inspections for non-OASIP facilities, the facility is notified 4 weeks before the inspection and ODO is on-site for 2-3 business days conducting the inspection.

FINDINGS BY NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2025 MAJOR CATEGORIES

NDS 2025 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
Facility Security and Control	1
Funds and Personal Property	0
Post Orders	1
Searches of Detainees	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Special Management Units	3
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	0
Sub-Total	**5**
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Hunger Strikes	0
Medical Care	0
Personal Hygiene	5
Significant Self-harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention	0
Sub-Total	**5**
Part 5 - Activities	
Correspondence and Other Mail	0
Religious Practices	1
Telephone Access	0
Voluntary Work Program	0
Sub-Total	**1**
Part 6 - Justice	
Grievance System	0
Law Libraries and Legal Material	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 7 - Administration and Management	
Detention Files	0
Detainee Transfers	1
Sub-Total	**1**
Total Deficiencies	**12**

[5] For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Inspection Findings* section of this report.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed 25 detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. One detainee declined an interview, and one detainee showed signs of illness so ODO referred the detainee to medical. None of the detainees made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. Most detainees reported satisfaction with facility services except for the concern listed below.

Personal Hygiene: Two detainees stated they were scheduled to be removed from the United States on July 14, 2026; however, their flight was cancelled after they arrived at the airport. When ERO New Orleans returned the detainees to RCC, the detainees stated they were not issued fresh clothing and had not had any laundered or clean clothes since July 14, 2026—8 days since their return to RCC.

- Action Taken: ODO reviewed the detainee's detention files and observed the detainee's property on July 22, 2026, and found the detainee's claims to be accurate. Additionally, ODO reviewed the other 20 detention files of detainee's who were on the same flight and found those detainees also did not have fresh clothing re-issued to them. This detainee complaint led ODO to cite multiple findings in the *Personal Hygiene* standard section below.

INSPECTION FINDINGS

SECURITY

FACILITY SECURITY AND CONTROL (FSC)

ODO reviewed the OPR personnel security division cleared and pending security clearance lists, and the facility list of staff actively working at the facility, and found 18 out of 147 actively working staff had no OPR security clearance to work at the facility. Specifically, 12 out of 147 staff working were on the pending clearance list, and 6 out of 147 staff working were not on either list.[6] **(Deficiency FSC-6[7])**.

POST ORDERS (PO)

ODO reviewed 21 post orders and found in 4 out of 21 post orders, officers did not sign nor date the post order. Specifically, officers did not acknowledge reading post orders for the intake, property, classification, and the back gate security posts **(Deficiency PO-7[8])**.

[6] ODO referred this deficiency to the OPR Intake Coordination Center for further review on July 27, 2026.
[7] "Essential posts and positions shall be filled with qualified personnel." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Facility Security and Control, Section (II)(A).
[8] "Prior to assuming a post, officers will sign and date the post order to indicate having read and understood its provisions" *See* ICE NDA 2025, Standard, Post Orders, Section (II)(B).

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT UNITS (SMU)

ODO reviewed 23 administrative segregation files and found in 11 of 23 files the following deficiencies:

- A facility supervisor did not conduct a review of detainee's placement in administrative segregation to determine if the segregation is still warranted **(Deficiency SMU-22[9])**;
- There were no documented interviews with the detainees **(Deficiency SMU-23[10])**; and
- There were no documented written record of the decisions and justifications **(Deficiency SMU-24[11])**.

CARE

PERSONAL HYGIENE (PH)

OOD reviewed 22 detainee detention files, reviewed detainee property, interviewed 2 detainees and an ERO New Orleans deportation officer, and found ERO New Orleans returned 22 detainees to RCC from the airport due to a cancelled transportation flight which led to the following deficiencies:

- Facility staff did not issue the detainees new clean clothing during in-processing **(Deficiency PH-3[12])**;
- Facility staff did not issue the detainees with standard issue clothing in line with facility policy **(Deficiency PH-5[13])**;
- Facility staff did not provide the detainees with clean clothing on a regular basis to ensure proper hygiene. Specifically, the detainees did not have laundered clothing for 8 days **(Deficiency PH-10[14])**;
- Facility staff did not exchange the detainee's socks and undergarments on a daily basis, nor did facility staff exchange their outer garments at least twice weekly **(Deficiency PH-11[15])**. **This is a priority component**; and

[9] "A supervisor shall conduct a review within 72 hours of the detainee's placement in administrative segregation to determine whether segregation is still warranted." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Special Management Units, Section (II)(A)(3)(a).
[10] "The review shall include an interview with the detainee." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Special Management Units, Section (II)(A)(3)(a)(1).
[11] "A written record shall be made of the decision and the justification." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Special Management Units, Section (II)(A)(3)(a)(2).
[12] "At no cost to the detainee, all new detainees shall be issued clean, indoor/outdoor, temperature-appropriate, presentable clothing during in-processing." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Personal Hygiene, Section (II)(B).
[13] "The standard issue of clothing for detainees should be consistent with facility policy but should include not less than one uniform shirt and one pair of uniform pants or one jumpsuit; one pair of socks; one pair of underwear; two brassieres, as appropriate; and one pair of footwear." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Personal Hygiene, Section (II)(B).
[14] "Detainees shall be provided with clean clothing, linens, and towels on a regular basis to ensure proper hygiene." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Personal Hygiene, Section (II)(E).

- Facility staff did not follow the facility's clothing exchange policy requirements for the detainees **(Deficiency PH-12[16])**.

Corrective Action: On July 22, 2026, the facility implemented corrective action for the above PH deficiencies by ensuring all 22 detainees were issued clothing in accordance with facility policy. Additionally, on July 23, 2026, all RCC supervisors received additional in-processing training and required all facility staff to sign a memo stating all detainees entering a dorm must have all facility required bedding and clothing **(C-1)**.

ACTIVITIES

RELIGIOUS PRACTICES (RP)

ODO toured eight housing units and found in all eight housing units; facility staff did not post the current religious program schedule nor make it available to detainees **(Deficiency RP-15[17])**.

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

DETAINEE TRANSFERS (DT)

ODO reviewed 25 closed detainee detention files and found in 1 of 25 detention files, no receipt for valuables returned to the detainee **(Deficiency DT-25[18])**.

CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 24 standards under NDS 2025 and found the facility in compliance with 18 of those standards. ODO found 12 deficiencies in 6 standards. Although ODO conducted a prior inspection of RCC, ODO cannot perform an analysis due to the change in standard from ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 (Revised 2016) to NDS 2025. ODO recommends ERO New Orleans continue to work with the facility to resolve the deficiencies that remain outstanding in accordance with contractual obligations.

[15] "Socks and undergarments will be exchanged daily, outer garments at least twice weekly and sheets, towels, and pillowcases at least weekly." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Personal Hygiene, Section (II)(E).
[16] "Individual facilities may institute their own clothing, linen, and towel exchange policy and procedures, provided the standards in this policy are met." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Personal Hygiene, Section (II)(E).
[17] "Current program schedules shall be posted in living units, or otherwise made available to detainees." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Religious Practices, Section (II)(E).
[18] "All funds and valuable receipts shall be closed in accordance with Standard 2.4 "Funds and Personal Property."" *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Detainee Transfers, Section (II)(B)(1).

Inspection Results Compared	FY 2025 PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016)	FY 2026 NDS 2025
Standards Reviewed	27	24
Deficient Standards	5	6
Overall Number of Deficiencies	7	12
Priority Component Deficiencies	0	1
Repeat Deficiencies	1	0
Areas Of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	1	1
Facility Rating	Good	Acceptable/Adequate

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