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INSPECTION
of the
T. DON HUTTO RESIDENTIAL CENTER
Taylor, Texas

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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 T. Don Hutto Residential Center (TDHRC) in Taylor, Texas, from July 7 to 9, 2026.[1] The facility opened in 1997 and is owned and operated by CoreCivic. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at TDHRC in 1998 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in San Antonio (ERO San Antonio). The facility is a dedicated ICE detention facility and operates under Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 (Revised 2016).

ERO has an assistant field office director, supervisory detention and deportation officers, deportation officers assigned full-time to the facility. They are on-site Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. A warden handles daily facility operations and manages (b)(7)(e) support personnel. Trinity Services provides food services, ICE Health Services Corps provides medical care, and CoreCivic provides commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care in March 2021 and American Correctional Association (ACA) in January 2022. In June 2024, TDHRC was audited for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and was found DHS PREA compliant.

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 9, 2026)	(b)(7)(e)
Adult Female Population (as of July 9, 2026)	(b)(7)(e)

During its last inspection in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, ODO found 4 deficiencies in Food Service (3) and Use of Force and Restraints (1).

[1] This facility holds male detainees with low security classification levels for periods greater than 72 hours.
[2] Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of July 9, 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 a uniform corrective action plan (UCAP); and (ii) provide senior executives with an independent assessment of facility operations. ODO's findings inform ICE executive management in its 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 PERFORMANCE-BASED NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2011 (REVISED 2016) MAJOR CATEGORIES

PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) Standards Inspected[5]	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	1
Population Counts	0
Post Orders	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	**1**
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	
Correspondence and Other Mail	0
Trips for Non-Medical Emergencies	0
Marriage Requests	0
Religious Practices	0
Telephone Access	0
Voluntary Work Program	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 6 - Justice	
Grievance System	2
Law Libraries and Legal Materials	0

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

Sub-Total	**2**
Part 7 - Administration and Management	
Detention Files	0
Detainee Transfers	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Total Deficiencies	**3**

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed 27 detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. None of the detainees made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. All detainees reported satisfaction with facility services.

INSPECTION FINDINGS

SECURITY

FUNDS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY (FPP)

ODO reviewed 25 detainee detention files and found in 25 out of 25 files, the personal property inventory forms did not contain the date and time of admission **(Deficiency FPP-85[6])**.

JUSTICE

GRIEVANCE SYSTEM (GS)

ODO reviewed 25 grievances and found in 3 out of 25 grievances, detainees were provided a response 6 days after the facility received the grievances **(Deficiency GS-57[7])**.

ODO reviewed six detainee grievance appeals and found in one out of six appeals, the facility did not provide a decision until six days after receiving the appeal **(Deficiency GS-60[8])**.

CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 28 standards under PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016) and found the facility in compliance with 26 of those standards. ODO found three deficiencies in two standards. Since TDHRCs last inspection in December 2024, the facility's compliance with name of detention standard has trended upward. TDHRC went from 2

[6] "The personal property inventory form must contain the following information at a minimum:
1. date and time of admission." *See* ICE PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016), Standard, Funds and Personal Property, Section (V)(I)(1).

[7] "Detainee shall be provided with a written or oral response within five days of receipt of the grievance." *See* ICE PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016), Standard, Grievance System, Section (V)(C)(3)(b)(1)(b).

[8] "The designated members of the GAB shall review and provide a decision on the grievance within five days of receipt of the appeal." *See* ICE PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016), Standard, Grievance System, Section (V)(C)(3)(b)(2)(b).

deficient standards and 4 deficiencies in December 2024 to 2 deficient standards and 3 deficiencies during this most recent full inspection. ODO received TDHRCs completed UCAP for its last inspection in December 2024, which likely resolved previous deficiencies ODO cited. ODO recommends ERO San Antonio continue to work with the facility to resolve the deficiencies that remain outstanding in accordance with contractual obligations.

Inspection Results Compared	FY 2025 PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016)	FY 2026 PBNDS 2011 (Revised 2016)
Standards Reviewed	27	28
Deficient Standards	2	2
Overall Number of Deficiencies	4	3
Priority Component Deficiencies	1	0
Repeat Deficiencies	0	0
Areas of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Good	Superior

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