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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

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Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility

Department of Corrections (DOC)

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Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility's mission is to ensure the public's safety by effectively, humanely, and efficiently managing the Facility's resources. The Facility is a medium security (level III), close security (level IV), and minimum security (level I) facility for males, with a capacity of 1,830 prisoners. The Facility is located in Ionia County.

Audit Objective:

To assess the Facility's compliance with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that the Facility was generally in compliance with policies and procedures related to safety and security. However, we noted reportable conditions related to tool control, prisoner counts, prisoner shakedowns and cell searches, self-audits, and preventive maintenance (Findings 1 through 5).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the Facility's food service operations, prisoner accounts, and prisoner store operations.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that the Facility's food service and prisoner store operations were only somewhat effective and efficient. We also concluded that the Facility's prisoner accounts were generally effective and

efficient. We noted reportable conditions related to food service, the prisoner store, and reconciliation of the Trust Accounting and Payroll System (TAPS) and the Michigan Administrative Information Network (MAIN) (Findings 6 through 8).

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Noteworthy Accomplishments:

In November 2001, DOC decided to close a facility and move its operations to Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility. The move included not only the prisoners and staff but also all cell furnishings and office equipment and furniture. The Facility successfully transferred 540 prisoners in less than 30 days to accommodate the opening of the new correctional facility. In January 2002, DOC closed another facility. As a result, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility received an additional 300 to 400 prisoners and an additional 60 corrections officers.

In the short time that the Facility has been operational, staff have made many physical plant changes.

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Agency Responses:

Our audit report contains 8 findings and 9 corresponding recommendations. The Facility's preliminary response indicated that it agrees with all of our recommendations.

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