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*Office of the Auditor General*  
**REPORT SUMMARY**

*Performance Audit*

Report Number:  
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*Southern Michigan Correctional Facility*

*Department of Corrections*

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*Southern Michigan Correctional Facility's mission is to ensure the public's safety by effectively, humanely, and efficiently managing the Facility's resources. The Facility houses level II and level IV prisoners, with a capacity of 1,466 prisoners. The Facility is located in Jackson 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 selected policies and procedures related to safety and security. However, we noted reportable conditions related to prisoner shakedowns, prisoner counts, prisoner drug tests, key controls, monthly tool inspections, self-contained breathing apparatus squads, and hazardous materials (Findings 1 through 7).

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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 operations, prisoner accounts, and prisoner store operations were effective

and efficient. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

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***Noteworthy Accomplishments:***

On March 15, 2004, the Dialysis Unit officially opened at the Southern Michigan Correctional Facility. The opening of the Dialysis Unit took months of planning and coordinated efforts among Ryan Correctional Facility, Regional Guidance Center transportation staff, health unit managers, Correctional Facilities Administration classification staff, Kidney Replacement Services, and Facility staff.

Facility management informed us that the Dialysis Unit was moved to the Facility because of its proximity to Duane L. Waters Hospital and space limitation at Ryan Correctional Facility and as a cost savings measure. The Unit was expanded from a 9-chair operation, six days per week to an 18-chair operation, three to four days per week.

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**Agency Responses:**

Our audit report contains 7 findings and 11 corresponding recommendations. The Facility's preliminary response indicated that it agrees and has complied with all of our recommendations.

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