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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

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G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility

Department of Corrections

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The mission of the G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility is to protect the citizens of the community by controlling offenders within the Facility's boundary and returning success-oriented offenders to their life back in the community. The Facility has the capacity to house approximately 1,850 male prisoners with security classifications of levels I, II, and IV and secure level I. The Facility, opened in 1985, is located in Jackson, Michigan.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the Facility's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that the Facility's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security were moderately effective. We noted nine reportable conditions (Findings 1 through 9).

Reportable Conditions:

The Facility did not ensure that its officers performed all required prisoner and employee searches (Finding 1).

The Facility did not ensure that its officers performed and documented the required number of prisoner cell searches (Finding 2).

The Facility did not maintain proper control over tools (Finding 3).

The Facility did not effectively monitor gate manifests (Finding 4).

The Facility did not conduct annual criminal history checks for all officers whose assignment required the use of a firearm (Finding 5).

The Facility did not ensure that all officers assigned to the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) squad were properly certified in the use of SCBA equipment (Finding 6).

The Facility did not complete all required security monitoring exercises (Finding 7).

The Facility did not test and calibrate its walk-through metal detectors at the bubble and the vehicle sallyport as required by Facility management (Finding 8).

The Facility did not ensure that its supervisory staff performed all required administrative staff rounds (Finding 9).

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Agency Response:

Our audit report includes 9 findings and 9 corresponding recommendations. The Department of Corrections' preliminary response indicated that the Facility agrees and has complied with all of the recommendations.

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