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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

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Ionia Maximum Correctional Facility

Department of Corrections

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The mission of the Ionia Maximum Correctional Facility is to protect the people of the State of Michigan, including staff and prisoners in the Department of Corrections, by providing a safe and secure environment for prisoners who must be housed in a level V prison. The Facility has the capacity to house 706 male prisoners with security classifications of levels II and V. The Facility, opened in 1987, is located in Ionia, 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 two material conditions (Findings 1 and 2) and eight reportable conditions (Findings 3 through 10).

Material Conditions:

The Facility did not effectively monitor gate manifests (Finding 1).

The Facility did not maintain proper control over tools (Finding 2).

Reportable Conditions:

The Facility did not conduct and document all required prisoner counts (Finding 3).

The Facility did not conduct and document all required radio checks (Finding 4).

The Facility did not document the calibration of the walk-through metal detector at the front gate (Finding 5).

The Facility did not ensure that it performed and documented the required number of prisoner shakedowns and cell searches (Finding 6).

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

The Facility did not properly document all required weekly and monthly sanitation inspections (Finding 8).

The Facility did not conduct and document the required number of cell searches for prisoners classified as security threat group prisoners (Finding 9).

The Facility did not document the required number of electronic perimeter security tests (Finding 10).

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Agency Response:

Our audit report contains 10 findings and 10 corresponding recommendations. The Department of Corrections' preliminary response indicates that the Facility agrees with all of the recommendations and has complied or will comply with them.

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