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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

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Newberry Correctional Facility

Department of Corrections

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The Newberry Correctional Facility, opened in 1996, is located in Newberry, Michigan. The Facility has the capacity to house approximately 1,100 adult male prisoners with level I and level II security classifications. It consists of 12 housing units with an adjoining education building and a separate warehouse, maintenance building, and administration building.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the Newberry Correctional 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 eight reportable conditions (Findings 1 through 8).

Reportable Conditions:

The Facility's business office did not maintain an accurate perpetual record of the arsenal inventory (Finding 1).

The Facility did not conduct the required drug tests of all selected prisoners in a timely manner (Finding 2).

The Facility needs to improve its controls over keys (Finding 3).

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

The Facility did not properly calibrate its level II walk-through metal detector (Finding 5).

The Facility did not complete all required security monitoring exercises (Finding 6).

The Facility did not ensure that all required sanitation and food service inspections were documented in a timely manner (Finding 7).

The Facility did not document that it monitored at least the minimum required number of prisoner telephone calls each month (Finding 8).

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Noteworthy Accomplishments:

During the summer of 2007, Facility staff provided roving patrols of the roadways surrounding the Sleeper Lake fire area and staff and prisoners prepared and supplied meals for volunteers and agency personnel during the ordeal.

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Agency Response:

Our audit report contains 8 findings and 9 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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