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**REPORT SUMMARY**

*Performance Audit*

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*St. Louis Correctional Facility*

*Department of Corrections*

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*The St. Louis Correctional Facility, opened in 1999, is located in St. Louis, Michigan, on 67 acres north of M-46. The Facility has the capacity to house 1,176 security level IV male prisoners. The Department of Corrections' (DOC's) mission is to create a safer Michigan through effective offender management and supervision in its facilities while holding offenders accountable and promoting their success. Through its facilities, DOC provides supervision of offenders and protects the public by providing a secure, safe, and humane environment for staff and prisoners.*

**Audit Objective:**

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

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**Audit Conclusion:**

We concluded that DOC's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security at the St. Louis Correctional Facility were moderately effective. We noted 10 reportable conditions (Findings 1 through 10).

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**Noteworthy Accomplishments:**

The Adaptive Skills Residential Program (ASRP) at the St. Louis Correctional Facility is a specialized program for prisoners who are impaired in their adaptive behavior due to a low level of psychological, social, and occupational functioning. ASRP treats a prisoner's

biological signs and symptoms while addressing an individual's psychological state and related social factors. Since its inception at the Facility, ASRP has shown positive results. The Facility indicated that critical incidents related to prisoners in the program decreased from 83 for the period June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010 to 62 for the period June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011 and misconducts for the same prisoners dropped from 39 in August 2010 to 10 in June 2011.

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**Reportable Conditions:**

The Facility did not always maintain proper controls over weapons stored in its arsenal (Finding 1).

The Facility did not rescind DOC weapons permits as required by DOC policy. Also, the Facility did not ensure that all officers who were provided handguns possessed a current DOC weapons permit. (Finding 2)

The Facility did not ensure that its officers performed and documented all required prisoner shakedowns and area searches (Finding 3).

The Facility did not ensure that it performed and documented all required employee shakedowns (Finding 4).

The Facility did not document that it completed all scheduled preventive maintenance tasks on a timely basis. Also, DOC did not ensure that its Micro Main system operated as intended to support an effective and efficient maintenance program. (Finding 5)

The Facility did not ensure that it conducted and documented all required radio checks (Finding 6).

The Facility did not ensure that all officers assigned to a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) squad were properly trained and qualified in the use of SCBA equipment. Also, the Facility did not always assign the minimum number of SCBA-certified officers to SCBA squads. In addition, the Facility did not properly complete or document all required SCBA inspections. (Finding 7)

The Facility did not ensure that all training qualification and certification information used or available for making assignment decisions was accurate (Finding 8).

The Facility did not propose corrective action plans or identify completion dates for all instances of noncompliance identified by its weekly and monthly inspections. Also, DOC's regional operation did not document that it completed all required fire safety inspections. (Finding 9)

The Facility did not complete all required security monitoring exercises (Finding 10).

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**Agency Response:**

Our audit report contains 10 findings and 15 corresponding recommendations. DOC's preliminary response indicates that the Facility agrees with all the recommendations and has complied with them.

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