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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

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Central Michigan Correctional Facility

Department of Corrections

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The Central Michigan Correctional Facility was formed when the Pine River Correctional Facility and Mid-Michigan Correctional Facility consolidated in October 2010. The Facility is located in St. Louis, Michigan, and houses 2,564 secure level I male prisoners. The Facility has 16 housing units as well as separate buildings for administration/healthcare, food service, school, maintenance/warehouse, and prisoner services.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the Department of Corrections' (DOC's) efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security at the Central Michigan Correctional Facility.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that DOC's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security at the Central Michigan Correctional Facility were moderately effective. We noted one material condition (Finding 1) and eleven reportable conditions (Findings 2 through 12).

Material Condition:

The Facility did not maintain proper control over dangerous tools, equipment, and other controlled inventory items (Finding 1).

Reportable Conditions:

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

The Facility did not ensure that it performed and documented all required employee shakedowns (Finding 3).

The Facility needs to improve its controls over keys and padlocks (Finding 4).

The Facility did not document that it conducted all required radio checks and personal protection device checks (Finding 5).

The Facility did not properly complete, reconcile, and maintain gate manifests (Finding 6).

The Facility did not implement a comprehensive preventive maintenance plan. Also, the Facility did not complete preventive maintenance and other maintenance tasks in a timely manner (Finding 7).

The Facility did not always properly document the issuance and return of weapons from its arsenal (Finding 8).

The Facility did not complete all required monthly sanitation inspections (Finding 9).

The Facility did not document that it completed all required weekly fire safety inspections. Also, the Facility did not always propose corrective action plans or ensure that timely corrective action was taken on deficiencies noted in its monthly and annual fire safety inspections (Finding 10).

The Facility did not complete all required security monitoring exercises (Finding 11).

The Facility did not maintain documentation that it conducted annual criminal history checks for officers whose assignments required the use of a firearm (Finding 12).

Noteworthy Accomplishments:

In 2011, the Facility was awarded the Michigan Plaque from Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. for its horticulture program. The Facility indicated that the program donated vegetables to food pantries, soup kitchens, and schools and donated flats of flowers and vegetable plants to local communities.

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Agency Response:

Our audit report contains 12 findings and 14 corresponding recommendations. DOC's preliminary response indicates that the Facility agrees with all of the recommendations and has complied or will comply with them.

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