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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility

Department of Corrections

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The mission of the Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility is to confine prisoners securely and to provide a safe and humane living and working environment with opportunities for personal growth and development. The Facility is a level II security facility and has a capacity of 1,294 male prisoners. The Facility, opened in 1958, 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 eight reportable conditions (Findings 1 through 8).

Reportable Conditions:

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

The Facility did not complete all required security monitoring exercises (Finding 2).

The Facility did not document the calibration of its walk-through metal detectors (Finding 3).

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

The Facility did not ensure that it performed and documented the required number of prisoner shakedowns and cell searches (Finding 5).

The Facility did not ensure that all officers whose assignment required the use of a firearm were annually requalified (Finding 6).

The Facility did not document the required number of electronic perimeter security tests. Also, the Facility did not conduct electronic perimeter security tests in a timely manner. (Finding 7)

The Facility did not conduct and document all required radio checks (Finding 8).

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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 and has complied with all of the recommendations.

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