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DHS OIG Completes Three Rounds of Unannounced Random Inspections of CBP and ICE Detention Facilities

Today, the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG) announced that it has completed three rounds of an ongoing program of unannounced inspections of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities. Since March, the OIG has inspected 57 different CBP detention facilities and 3 ICE family detention facilities.

The OIG initiated this inspection program in response to concerns raised by immigrant rights groups and complaints to the DHS OIG Hotline regarding conditions for aliens in CBP and ICE custody. The OIG has worked closely with these groups in developing its program. These unannounced spot inspections are intended to monitor DHS compliance with official government health, safety, and detention standards, and to examine conditions for minors at those facilities where minors are present. The inspection design included protocols for the OIG to promptly notify CBP and ICE of any serious concerns it identified to ensure they were immediately addressed and rectified.

The DHS OIG is an independent oversight body within DHS, with the authority to inspect and investigate all aspects of DHS programs and operations, and to report its findings to the Secretary, Congress, and the public. The results of these inspections will be incorporated into a public report to be issued in the fall. "These unannounced inspections offer significant insight into the conditions at these facilities, and give the American public confidence in our independent and rigorous oversight of DHS' treatment of immigrant detainees," said Inspector General John Roth. "We will continue to conduct these inspections to monitor conditions at ICE and CBP facilities across the country." The Inspector General also commended ICE and CBP for their cooperation during these inspections.

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