



# Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

## Summary of CRCL's Recommendations and ICE's Response *Adams County Correctional Center*

On November 8, 2022, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) responded to an Expert Recommendation Memorandum issued in November 2022 by the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) that followed an onsite investigation at the Adams County Correctional Center (ACCC). ICE concurred with one recommendation, partially concurred with three, and non-concurred with 12.

### Background

Between December 2020 and May 2021, CRCL opened two complaint investigations involving noncitizens in ICE custody at ACCC. The allegations raised concerns related to unsanitary conditions, noncompliance with ICE's Pandemic Response Requirements, and denial of access to the law library and legal materials. As a result of these complaints, CRCL conducted a virtual multidisciplinary onsite investigation at ACCC in May 2022 to examine the facility's operations and assess issues raising civil rights and civil liberties concerns.

### Findings and Recommendations

In July 2022, CRCL issued ICE an Expert Recommendation Memorandum based on its investigation conducted with the assistance of contract subject matter experts. The memo included 17 recommendations in the general areas of conditions of detention, medical care, mental health care, and environmental health and safety. The following highlights the actions that ICE agreed to take as a result of CRCL's recommendations.

### **Language Access**

CRCL found that interpretive services are not consistently used when communicating with noncitizens who have limited English proficiency (LEP). ICE agreed to document the use of interpretive services by indicating the interpreter's name and number, language spoken and the date/time when communicating with LEP noncitizens.

### **Personal Hygiene**

CRCL determined that the noncitizens at ACCC were improperly laundering their personal clothing items with bathing soap and shampoo. As improper laundering can be a mechanism for the spread of viruses, bacteria, and fungus, ICE agreed to hold town halls meeting to educate the noncitizens on the importance of proper laundering procedures.

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*CRCL provides the public with documents related to complaint investigations. After it is prepared and reviewed, CRCL will post a redacted version of this Expert Recommendation Memorandum on our [website](#) that will contain additional information about the complaint investigation and CRCL's findings and recommendations.*

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