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Central New Mexico Correctional Facility Aces Correctional Audit

Los Lunas, NM - The Central New Mexico Correctional Facility has passed its audit-- with a 100 percent compliance of all mandatory standards and a 99.3 percent compliance of non-mandatory standards. The American Correctional Association (ACA) Audit Committee completed its audit of the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility on April 13-15, 2009.

The ACA audit committee toured the facility, reviewed documentation and conducted interviews with staff and inmates. The committee complimented the employees on fulfilling their obligations to offenders, staff, and the community.

The facility was evaluated on 533 standards, covering areas of prison operations including: sanitation, medical services, inmate programs and security. The ACA auditors were chairman, Jeff Rogers from Kentucky, Mary Smith from Colorado, Linda Derise from Louisiana and Maria De Los A. Colon from Puerto Rico. The audit team will present its recommendations and report to the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections Panel in Nashville, Tenn. in August 2009. At this time, a final decision will be made to determine CNMCF's accreditation status and score. The accreditation panel, more often than not, follows the auditors' recommendation. Each accreditation is good for three years.

CNMCF has approximately 1200 inmates and 600 staff. The prison complex has three separate facilities on its grounds: Level I (minimum-security) Unit; Level II (minimum-restrict unit) and the Main Unit, which houses the department's Mental Health Treatment Center, Long Term Care Unit, Geriatrics Unit, the Reception and Diagnostic Center, and the Alternative Placement Unit.

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