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## **CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS ‘EAGLE AWARD’ STATUS AFTER REACCREDITATION**

**Santa Fe** – The New Mexico Corrections Department remains one of only a handful of corrections agencies in the country to have all programs within its jurisdiction accredited. The American Correctional Association (ACA) Committee on Accreditation recently affirmed the results of Corrections Department audits conducted last year. The following entities were audited: The Roswell Correctional Center in Hagerman, the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility in Santa Rosa, the Training Academy, Corrections Industries, Probation and Parole, and Central Administrative Offices in Santa Fe. The department passed each audit with a 100 percent score for meeting mandatory standards in categories like security, staffing and training, fire safety and sanitation, medical services and case management.

The department made history in 2007 when it initially received the Eagle Award for earning accreditation in all applicable areas--a first for the department. The Corrections Department now maintains the coveted distinction after formally receiving reaccreditation at the ACA conference, held last month in Nashville, Tenn.

Although American Correctional Association accreditation is voluntary, Corrections Secretary Joe R. Williams strongly believes in the professionalism and credibility it brings to a corrections organization. He expects every prison in the department to maintain accreditation, along with Probation and Parole and other applicable areas. Secretary Williams congratulates Corrections Department employees for “making it happen.”

Two prisons are scheduled for initial audits this year: the Northeast New Mexico Detention Facility in Clayton and the Springer Correctional Center.