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OIG Finds Improved Conditions at Detention Centers for Alien Children

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), today cited improved living conditions in the second in a series of reports on detention centers being used by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to temporarily house Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC).

The latest report is based on 60 unannounced site visits by OIG agents - to 41 CBP facilities and one other Federal site in Texas and New Mexico - conducted July 17 to August 20. The OIG's findings are contained in a memorandum from Inspector General John Roth to Homeland Security Secretary Jeh C. Johnson (see attached).

OIG Agents found processing of UAC cases by CBP agents had improved, as had food services and sanitation. At some locations, CBP agents reported there was insufficient staff to process the large influx of UAC while also performing the station's enforcement mission.

"I'm pleased with the progress CBP has made in dealing with this unprecedented crisis, although some challenges remain" said Roth. "We will continue with our proactive oversight and report the results on a monthly basis, or as events dictate."

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