Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report
Adult Prisons & Jails

☐ Interim  ☒ Final

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Agency Information

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<th>Virginia Department of Corrections (VDOC)</th>
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<th>State of Virginia</th>
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<td>(804) 674-3119</td>
<td>Is Agency accredited by any organization:</td>
<td>☒ Yes  ☐ No</td>
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<td>The Agency Is:</td>
<td>☐ Military</td>
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Agency mission: The mission of the VDOC is to enhance the quality of life in the Commonwealth of Virginia by improving public safety. VDOC attempts to accomplish this through reintegration of sentenced men and women in their custody and care by providing supervision and control, effective programs, and re-entry services in safe environments which foster positive change.

Agency Website with PREA Information: www.vadoc.virginia.gov (Search PREA)

Agency Chief Executive Officer

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### Facility Information

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<th>Powhatan Reception and Classification Center AKA State Farm Enterprise Unit</th>
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<td>To enhance the quality of life in the Commonwealth of Virginia by improving public safety. This is accomplished through reintegration of sentenced men and women in VDOC custody and care by providing supervision and control, effective programs and re-entry services in safe environments which foster positive change and growth consistent with research-based evidence, fiscal responsibility and constitutional standards.</td>
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### Warden/Superintendent

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### Facility Characteristics
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<tr>
<th>Designated Facility Capacity: 419</th>
<th>Current Population of Facility: 373</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months</td>
<td>302</td>
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<td>Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 30 days or more:</td>
<td>239</td>
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<td>Number of inmates admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:</td>
<td>289</td>
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<td>Number of inmates on date of audit who were admitted to facility prior to August 20, 2012:</td>
<td>415 (Includes entire correctional complex)</td>
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<th>Age Range of Population:</th>
<th>Youthful Inmates Under 18: N/A</th>
<th>Adults: 20-77 years of age</th>
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<td>Are youthful inmates housed separately from the adult population?</td>
<td>☐ Yes</td>
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| Number of youthful inmates housed at this facility during the past 12 months: | N/A |
| Average length of stay or time under supervision: | N/A |
| Facility security level/inmate custody levels: | Level 2-3 |
| Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with inmates: | 180 |
| Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with inmates: | 83 |
| Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with inmates: | 18 |

### Physical Plant

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<th>Number of Buildings: 4</th>
<th>Number of Single Cell Housing Units: 1</th>
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<td>Number of Open Bay/Dorm Housing Units:</td>
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<td>Number of Segregation Cells (Administrative and Disciplinary):</td>
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Description of any video or electronic monitoring technology (including any relevant information about where cameras are placed, where the control room is, retention of video, etc.): State Farm Enterprise Unit has cameras strategically placed in housing, visiting, administrative, work and program areas of the facility. Monitoring is capable from selective locations and the Control Center. The Control Centers are located in the main operations building and medical unit.

### Medical

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<th>Type of Medical Facility:</th>
<th>24-hour infirmary</th>
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<td>Forensic sexual assault medical exams are conducted:</td>
<td>Virginia Commonwealth University – Emergency Room, Richmond, Va.</td>
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### Other
| Number of volunteers and individual contractors, who may have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility: | 238 |
| Number of investigators the agency currently employs to investigate allegations of sexual abuse: | 4 |
Audit Findings

Audit Narrative

The auditor’s description of the audit methodology should include a detailed description of the following processes during the pre-onsite audit, onsite audit, and post-audit phases: documents and files reviewed, discussions and types of interviews conducted, number of days spent on-site, and observations made during the site-review, and a detailed description of any follow-up work conducted during the post-audit phase. The narrative should describe the techniques the auditor used to sample documentation and select interviewees, and the auditor’s process for the site review.

Overview:
The on-site visit to conduct a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliance audit of the State Farm Enterprise Unit (SFEU), also known as Powhatan Reception and Classification Center (PRCC), occurred during the period of April 16-18, 2019. The audited facility is part of the larger State Farm Correctional Complex. The audit was conducted by U.S. Department of Justice certified PREA auditor Donald Chadwick of The Nakamoto Group, Inc. The standards used for this audit became effective August 20, 2012.

The auditor conducted an opening meeting on April 16, 2019, toured the entire facility, interviewed a random sample of staff and inmates, and reviewed PREA related supportive documentation. The auditor spent three days on-site. Upon completion of the on-site audit process, a closing meeting was held with the administrative staff to discuss the audit process, preliminary findings, and post audit expectations.

Pre-Audit Phase:
On February 21, 2019, PREA Audit Notices (in English and Spanish) were posted in strategic locations throughout the facility where inmates routinely live, enter and exit, buildings, and participate in programming. Postings of the PREA Audit Notices were verified by the auditor and were posted in a timely manner prior to the on-site portion of the audit. No correspondence regarding PREA issues from SFEU offenders were received by the auditor.

SFEU staff were asked to complete the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) which was received from the facility on March 11, 2019. Additionally, supporting documentation was received by the auditor on March 11, 2019. Pertinent documentation received during the pre-audit phase was reviewed and follow-up clarification or requests for additional documentation and revised submittals were assessed. Documentation reviewed included, but not limited to, educational materials, training logs, posters, brochures, agency policies and procedures, forms, and organizational charts. Agency policy content was structured in accordance with corresponding PREA standards.

On April 10, 2019, the auditor requested that additional information be available for review during the onsite audit which included staff rosters, inmate rosters- including any inmates characterized as being included in “targeted” categories, and any applicable investigative
documentation for the audit period. These documents were provided and reviewed during the on-site audit. On April 10, 2019, Just Detention International reported no known reports from SFEU or PRCC. Prior to the on-site visit, the auditor discussed the information conveyed in the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) with the VDOC Regional PREA Analyst. The agency head and National PREA Compliance Coordinator were interviewed prior to the on-site visit. As part of the pre-audit process, a review of the agency’s PREA policy, as well as submittals of supporting documentation was conducted. Documentation submittals and reported data generally covered the previous 12 months prior to the date of the PAQ. Training records, staffing reports, and meeting minutes were reviewed during this period. Other pre-onsite documents reviewed were applicable portions of policies and other forms, documents and assurance statements/memos etc. The auditor reviewed the documents submitted, during the pre-onsite period, and as applicable, communicated with the agency PREA analyst regarding any concerns. A tentative schedule for interviews was also formulated and submitted to the audited facility.

**On-Site Audit Phase:**
The auditor held an opening meeting at SFEU/PRCC on the morning of April 16, 2019. The audit schedule and process were discussed during the entrance meeting. Those in attendance at the entrance meeting included the facility Warden, the facility PREA Compliance Manager (PCM), the agency PREA Compliance Coordinator (PCC), the agency regional PREA analyst, a PCM from Nottaway Correctional Center, and the facility’s Chief Correctional Supervisor.

The auditor was provided a private office in which to work and conduct private confidential interviews. All requested files and rosters, both staff and inmates, were made available on the first day of the on-site audit.

**Site Review:**
Immediately following the opening meeting, a selection of inmate interviewees was performed, and a tour of the facility was conducted. The auditor was escorted by the facility’s PCM, the agency regional PREA analyst and PCC, the Nottaway PCM, and the facility chief correctional supervisor. The auditor toured all inmate living, work, and program areas. The auditor was given unimpeded access to all areas of the facility.

During the tour, the auditor reviewed PREA related documentation and materials located on bulletin boards, and any pertinent log entries made by staff, in manual and electronic logs, who visit work and program areas. The auditor assessed camera surveillance, potential blind spots, physical supervision, and electronic monitoring capabilities. Additional areas of focus during the facility tour included an assessment of limits to cross-gender viewing – (can inmates shower, dress, and use the toilet facilities without exposing themselves to employees of the opposite gender). External advocacy and “internal hotline” information was assessed while touring the facilities. Postings (in English and Spanish) regarding PREA violation reporting and the agency’s zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment were prominently displayed in all living units, and throughout the facility. The tour revealed some blind spot concerns found in large warehouses. The pertinent issues were discussed with staff. During the on-site review, solutions were implemented to enhance the level of supervision to minimally satisfy supervision requirements. Other suitable options were discussed with staff.
Adequate camera coverage and physical supervision was provided in housing units. A review of log books records revealed documentation of security and PREA rounds.

The on-site audit tour revealed concerns with inmate privacy while using toilet facilities in the Milk Plant, which were corrected during the on-site audit. Additionally, there were privacy concerns noted in negative pressure cells in the medical unit. Camera views afforded cross-gender viewing as well as afforded non-incidental viewing of inmates performing bodily functions. The cameras were taken off-line during the on-site audit.

Toilet and shower areas throughout the housing units were located in a manner to prohibit the possibility of non-incidental cross gender viewing.

**Inmate Interviews:**
Inmate interviewees were selected from a housing roster dated April 16, 2019. The rosters categorized inmates by housing and PREA targeted categories such as disabled, limited English proficient (LEP), etc. Staff were able to identify inmates in all targeted categories. Interviews were conducted using the Department of Justice (DOJ) protocols to assess the offender's knowledge of PREA and the reporting mechanisms available to them. Using the interview guides, 13 random inmates, and 13 targeted inmates were privately interviewed. The targeted offenders included the following categories; limited English proficient-1; LGBTI-5; disclosed victimization at screening-2; physically disabled-5; reported sexual abuse-1.

**Staff Interviews:**
Twelve random staff from all shifts were interviewed regarding training, their knowledge of first responder duties, reporting mechanisms for staff and inmates, and their perception of sexual safety and appropriate offender privacy issues. Fourteen specialized staff were interviewed. The specialized staff included the PREA Compliance Manager, the Human Resources Manager, the Health Services Administrator, the Chief Psychologist, a Security Sargent, and the Special Investigative Agent, among others.

It was also confirmed, by interview of staff from the Medical College of Virginia, that the facility provides forensic sexual assault medical exams if needed.

**File Review:**
During interviews with specialized discipline personnel having oversight of PREA operational issues, the auditor reviewed training files, background clearance files, offender intake and screening documentation, and offender PREA education documentation. The auditor reviewed investigative files, and applicable mental health referral records. While on-site, the auditor reviewed 20 personnel and training files to establish compliance with background checks and PREA training documentation. Personnel files reviewed included 5 new hires and 5 promotions during the applicable auditing period. The auditor reviewed documentation on 5 contractors and 5 volunteers to confirm completion of background clearance and PREA training. Inmate PREA education and initial risk screening was reviewed on 6 inmates.

**Investigations**
During the applicable audit period (the last 12 months) there were 11 PREA allegations received. All applicable allegations were harassment cases. All were closed during the audit period. While on-site, the auditor reviewed 5 investigative files of the 11 completed cases. There were no substantiated cases. Five of the 11 cases involved staff as alleged perpetrators. There were seven unsubstantiated cases and four unfounded cases.

**Closeout**

A closing meeting was held with the auditor and the administrative staff on April 18, 2019. Discussions centered around the audit process, preliminary findings, and the post-audit process for corrective actions prior to issuance of the final audit report. The auditor thanked the executive team for their efforts and dedication to becoming PREA compliant.

**Post-Onsite Phase**

During this period of document review, clarifications were sought regarding PAQ entries, and discussions with the Regional PREA Analyst for additional information as applicable. PAQ entries were verified, and as applicable, submittals related to corrective actions were reviewed.

The following agency policies serve as primary directives to guide operational and performance compliance for the PREA:

- Operating Procedure 038.3 (Prison Rape Elimination Act)
- Operating Procedure 027.1 (Volunteer Program)
- Operating Procedure 030.4 (Special Investigative Unit)
- Operating Procedure 038.1 (Reporting Serious or Unusual Incidents)
- Operating Procedure 040.1 (Litigation)
- Operating Procedure 057.1 (Personnel Records)
- Operating Procedure 075.1 (Emergency Operations Plan)
- Operating Procedure 102.2 (Recruitment, Selection, and Appointment)
- Operating Procedure 102.3 (Background Investigation Program)
- Operating Procedure 102.6 (Staff Orientation)
- Operating Procedure 135.1 (Standards of Conduct)
- Operating Procedure 135.2 (Rules of Conduct Governing Employee Relationships with Offenders)
- Operating Procedure 145.2 (Employee Performance Management)
- Operating Procedure 260.1 (Procurement of Goods and Services)
- Operating Procedure 350.2 (Training and Development)
- Operating Procedure 401.1 (Development and Maintenance of Post Orders)
- Operating Procedure 401.2 (Security Staffing)
- Operating Procedure 401.3 (Administrative Duty Coverage)
- Operating Procedure 425.4 (Management of Bed and Cell Assignments)
- Operating Procedure 445.1 (Employee, Visitor, and Offender Searches)
- Operating Procedure 701.1 (Health Services Administration)
- Operating Procedure 701.3 (Health Records)
- Operating Procedure 720.1 (Access to Health Services)
- Operating Procedure 720.2 (Medical Screenings, Classification, and Levels of Care)
Operating Procedure 720.4 (Co-payment for Healthcare Services)
Operating Procedure 720.7 (Emergency Medical Equipment and Care)
Operating Procedure 730.2 (Mental Health Services: Screening, Assessment and Classification)
Operating Procedure 801.1 (Facility Physical Plant and Sanitation)
Operating Procedure 810.2 (Transferred Offender Receiving and Orientation)
Operating Procedure 861.1 (Offender Discipline, Institution)
Operating Procedure 830.5 (Transfers, Facility Reassignments)
Operating Procedure 866.1 (Offender Grievance Procedures)

Facility Characteristics

The auditor’s description of the audited facility should include details about the facility type, demographics and size of the inmate, resident or detainee population, numbers and type of staff positions, configuration and layout of the facility, numbers of housing units, description of housing units including any special housing units, a description of programs and services, including food service and recreation. The auditor should describe how these details are relevant to PREA implementation and compliance.

SFEU/PRCC is located in State Farm, Virginia, approximately 20 miles west of Richmond, Virginia. SFEU/PRCC is a component of State Farm Correctional Complex. The State Farm Enterprise Unit was formerly called the Powhatan Reception and Classification Center. When Powhatan Correctional Center closed in October 2014, Powhatan Reception and Classification Center was placed under the administration of the reorganized State Farm Correctional Complex. The State Farm Correctional Complex also includes Deep Meadow Correctional Center, James River Work Center and Security Care Unit at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Hospital. In mid-2016, the reception and classification operational mission was relocated to Nottoway Correctional Center and the primary mission for PRCC became the operation of the milk plant and Virginia Correctional Enterprise shops, along with the Powhatan Medical Unit.

In January 2019, the facility name was changed to State Farm Enterprise Unit to reflect its current mission.

As stated previously, the facility’s responsibility for agency wide reception and classification has changed to a work referral center for a designated capacity of 419 level two and three inmates. The population on the first day of the audit was 373. SFEU consists four buildings with two main housing units and work sites for a Milk Plant operation, and various Virginia Correctional Enterprises Industries. A County Jail unit is located at the facility. The facility contains a medical and mental health unit and operates a Secure Care Satellite Unit located at the VCU hospital and is staffed by Virginia Department of Corrections employees.

During the on-site audit, the number of staff who have regular contact with inmates totaled approximately 209. According to a recent staffing analysis, there are 168 authorized security positions. The analysis reported four security vacancies.
SFEU’s PREA management is led by the Assistant Warden’s Secretary who is designated as the facility PREA Compliance Manager.

All housing units contain toilets within individual cells. Showers are located on every floor approximately mid-range. Showers have entry doors with privacy shields and are positioned at a 90-degree angle to only allow minimal incidental viewing. Some housing unit showers have divider walls.

Each housing unit has a satellite control center and have staff supervision. All housing units have good sightlines and camera coverage. SFEU augments staff supervision where needed with video cameras strategically placed within the facility. The January 2019 PREA Staffing Study analyzed the sufficiency of staffing levels at each facility in the State Farm Correctional Complex. Camera coverage was also recommended for various areas to augment state physical supervision efforts. There were no reports of any systemic vacancy or staff retention issues. There were no substantiated sexual abuse or harassment allegations at SFEU over the period referenced in the PAQ.

During the audit period, the facility presented a professional correctional atmosphere. The auditor perceived the climate of the facility to be good with sufficient and appropriate communication avenues among staff and offenders.

SFEU and its parent agency, VDOC’s Special Investigative Unit (SIU), conduct administrative and criminal sexual assault and abuse allegations investigations as required by the status of the alleged perpetrator or victim. During the audit period, there were no criminal referrals requiring the SIU’s investigative functions. There have not been any substantiated sexual abuse or harassment allegations at SFEU over the period referenced in the PAQ.

**Summary of Audit Findings**

The summary should include the number of standards exceeded, number of standards met, and number of standards not met, along with a list of each of the standards in each category. If relevant, provide a summarized description of the corrective action plan, including deficiencies observed, recommendations made, actions taken by the agency, relevant timelines, and methods used by the auditor to reassess compliance.

When the on-site audit was completed, an exit briefing was held to discuss the audit findings. The meeting was held with the Warden, the Assistant Warden, the Institution PREA Compliance Manager, the Chief of Security, the Regional PREA Analyst, and the VDOC PREA/ADA Supervisor. Prior to the on-site audit, the auditor was provided documentation and assurance memos which referenced supporting on-site documentation. A review of this material was conducted to support a conclusion of compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Additionally, all interviews and observations were assessed to support a conclusion of compliance.

On-site corrective action was required for the following standards: 115.13 (a-5) supervision...
and monitoring enhancements by adding mirrors to the Milk Plant and Print Shop warehouses and ensuring warehouse sightlines remain clear. Offender escort procedures while working in these areas were implemented. Other corrective action implemented during the on-site audit included adding privacy curtains for toilets in the Milk Plant, and the taking off-line, cameras in two negative pressure cells which would allow cross-gender viewing of inmates performing bodily functions. Training was provided on the use of the available language line service, and staff were re-trained on the requirements when offenders allege abuse which occurred at another facility. Additionally, enhancing retaliation monitoring documentation was noted as requiring corrective action. These corrective actions were implemented during the on-site audit or will be completed during the post on-site period and prior to the issuance of the final report. The auditor discussed the implementation of acceptable corrective action plans with the IPCM and the Warden.

The auditor concluded through observations, interviews, and the review of policies and documentation, that staff and inmates were knowledgeable concerning their responsibilities involving the PREA. During interviews, staff and inmates acknowledged awareness of SFEU’s zero tolerance policy against sexual abuse. This philosophy has been fully institutionalized. Through a coordinated use of the agency staffing plan, daily rosters and master rosters, staffing levels are monitored to ensure PREA compliance and to provide enough supervisory resources to the offender population. Electronic monitoring is effective in augmenting the physical supervision of inmates by security staff. Supervisors are diligent in making random security checks. However, a prominent concern among the inmate population related to exposure to opposite gender staff during orchestrated security “shakedowns” in housing units. During these mandatory procedures, inmates are ordered to be out of cells wearing only underwear and t-shirts, when under normal circumstances, these out of cell garments would not be approved.

SFEU has adaptive measures and a strategic action plan in place to ensure disabled and LEP inmates, as required, can participate in or benefit from all aspects of the PREA. Hiring practices are consistent with sexual safety measures. New hires and promotion candidates are directly asked about previous sexual misconduct either in applications or interviews. The facility has appropriate medical and victim advocacy networks in place and available, if needed. PREA education and training is properly documented for security, investigative and medical/mental health staff. Staff indicated adequate training in all aspects of the PREA, particularly first responder duties or actions to take in the event of a report of a PREA related incident.

Inmates acknowledged that admissions screening included questions regarding a history of sexual abuse or victimization and whether they would like to identify a sexual preference. Intake, classification processes and medical/mental health intake processes are efficient and seamless in addressing referrals based on victimization or abusiveness screening data. Inmates identified as potential victims or abusers were offered a referral to the Psychology Department for a follow-up assessment of PREA screening variables. The facility staff ensure all inmates are re-assessed for PREA risk screening variables within 30 days from admission. The re-analysis of all PREA screening variables is performed and a conclusion stated as to the current propensity level for victimization or abusiveness. Documentation related to 115.41 is
organized and stored in information systems available on a need-to-know-basis. SFEU ensures that numerous PREA reporting mechanisms are conveyed in a conspicuous manner to inmates. Staff members are also aware of the reporting processes available to them. Systems are in place for highly coordinated responses to incidents of sexual abuse, if needed. The facility has sufficiently trained investigative personnel to handle administrative investigations and, as needed, uses other state investigative resources to provide administrative guidance, investigate staff related abuse allegations and to handle criminal investigations. Investigative personnel are sensitive to the mental health concerns of some of the alleged victims and collaborate well with professional psychology services personnel, during the investigative stage.

**Number of Standards Exceeded:** 1

**Number of Standards Met:** 42

There were no youthful offenders housed at SFEU the time of the audit. The VDOC does not enter collective bargaining agreements which effect PREA deliverables. Therefore, the facility is in full compliance with 115.14 and 115.66.

**Number of Standards Not Met:** 0

**Summary of Corrective Action (if any)**

115.13 Mirrors were added to large warehouse areas to enhance supervision and monitoring of inmate work areas. A directive was issued by the Chief of Security requiring shift commanders and plant managers to ensure offenders are escorted while working in the Milk Plant and Print Shop Warehouses.

115.15 Cameras were taken off-line relative to two negative pressure cells in the medical unit. The cameras displayed views of inmates performing bodily functions. The cameras were monitored by non-medical staff.

115.16 While interviewing an offender who required language interpretation, staff were not well versed and did not exhibit seamless knowledge of how to use the available language line. During the post on-site period, shift commanders and security staff were re-trained in the use of the “Propio Interpreting Service”.

115.63 Staff were re-trained on the requirements necessary when an offender alleges sexual abuse which occurred at another facility. Staff acknowledged training on the notifications required to the prior facility within 72 hours.

116.67 Retaliation monitoring documentation was enhanced to document the status of any potential retaliatory areas of concern and the conclusion.
PREVENTION PLANNING

Standard 115.11: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by The Auditor to Complete the Report

115.11 (a)

- Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the written policy outline the agency’s approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.11 (b)

- Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.11 (c)

- If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- Does the PREA compliance manager have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility’s efforts to comply with the PREA standards? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

☒ Exceeds Standard (Substantially exceeds requirement of standards)

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedures 038.3 (Prison Rape Elimination Act), and 135.2 (Rules of Conduct Governing Employee Relationships with Offenders) are the governing policies regarding this standard. Additionally, the agency's organizational chart supports accomplishing and exceeding the baseline requirements of the dedicated PREA compliance personnel part of the standard. The PREA Compliance Coordinator (PCC) has sufficient time and authority, resources and support, to ensure SFEU implements agency policies regarding zero tolerance to sexual abuse and harassment. Based on staff and offender interviews, coupled with printed information, didactic, and other training methods, SFEU maintains a consistent focus on preventing sexual abuse and harassment. Each region of the VDOC has a PREA Analyst, which exceeds the above standard, with sufficient time, resources, and access to a headquarters level PCC, who reports directly to a top-level Corrections Operations Administrator. Maintaining this technical level of resource at the regional level enhances PREA compliance capabilities for facility PREA Compliance Managers (PCM). Headquarters and regional level PREA staff have played an integral role in directing the management of PREA related allegations during this audit period. VDOC policy establishes a zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. SFEU follows agency policies for the implementation of this standard. The agency's zero tolerance against sexual abuse is clearly established. The above referenced policy also outlines the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and harassment. Based on input and direction from the agency and regional PREA personnel, the facility's PCM has been provided sufficient time, resources, experience, support, and authority to accomplished PREA objectives.

Standard 115.12: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.12 (a)

- If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its inmates with private agencies or other entities including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity’s obligation to comply with the PREA standards in any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of inmates.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.12 (b)
• Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of inmates OR the response to 115.12(a)-1 is "NO"). ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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Policy:

Operation procedures 038.3 and 260.1 (Procurement of Goods and Services) govern compliance with this standard. The agency meets the mandates of this standard. All agency contractual agreements include language requiring contractors to adopt and comply with PREA Standards. VDOC policies require that a contract or contract renewal shall provide for contract monitoring to ensure the contract entity is complying with the PREA standards.

Practice(s):

SFEU does not house inmates from jurisdictions other than the VDOC. The agency contractually requires all jurisdictions housing VDOC inmates to be compliant with PREA standards.

Standard 115.13: Supervision and monitoring

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.13 (a)

• Does the agency ensure that each facility has developed a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Does the agency ensure that each facility has documented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

 Does the agency ensure that each facility’s staffing plan takes into consideration the generally accepted detention and correctional practices in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

 Does the agency ensure that each facility’s staffing plan takes into consideration any judicial findings of inadequacy in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

 Does the agency ensure that each facility’s staffing plan takes into consideration any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

 Does the agency ensure that each facility’s staffing plan takes into consideration any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

 Does the agency ensure that each facility’s staffing plan takes into consideration all components of the facility’s physical plant (including “blind-spots” or areas where staff or inmates may be isolated) in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

 Does the agency ensure that each facility’s staffing plan takes into consideration the composition of the inmate population in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

 Does the agency ensure that each facility’s staffing plan takes into consideration the number and placement of supervisory staff in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

 Does the agency ensure that each facility’s staffing plan takes into consideration the institution programs occurring on a particular shift in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

 Does the agency ensure that each facility’s staffing plan takes into consideration any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

 Does the agency ensure that each facility’s staffing plan takes into consideration the prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

 Does the agency ensure that each facility’s staffing plan takes into consideration any other relevant factors in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring?
monitoring? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.13 (b)

- In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document and justify all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.13 (c)

- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The facility’s deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.13 (d)

- Has the facility/agency implemented a policy and practice of having intermediate-level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility/agency have a policy prohibiting staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

SFEU’s staffing planning is governed by Operating Procedures 401.1 (Development and Maintenance of Post Orders), Operating Procedure 401.2 (Security Staffing), and Operating Procedure 401.3 (Administrative Duty Coverage).

Practice(s):

The facility uses a system of video monitoring which supplements staffing levels developed consistent with correctional industry standards, fiscal and programmatic requirements. SFEU’s security staffing plans and analysis consists of a combination of the Post Audit, Shift Design, and Roster Management. Documentation was reviewed that reflected approval of 209 full time equivalents (FTE). Positions left vacant for budgetary reasons and short-term disability are the primary reasons for deviating with the approved staffing plan. Security staffing adjustments are made and documented as necessary by overtime utilization. SFEU has conducted staffing assessments and determined that video cameras are located strategically throughout the facility to assist in providing a safe environment and to augment staff supervision. The staffing assessment also concludes that additional cameras would be beneficial. SFEU's management is cognizant of the need for creative supervision techniques, increased foot patrols of warehouse areas, and effective communication with the offender population to ensure PREA objectives are accomplished. Additionally, VDOC policy 401.3 requires regular unannounced rounds of housing units and program areas. A tour of living, work, and programming areas of the facility revealed adequate monitoring mechanisms inclusive of staff and electronic monitoring capabilities. Staffing analysis documentation was reviewed and was found to be supportive of SFEU's compliance with supervision and monitoring objectives.

Corrective Action:

Mirrors were added to large warehouse areas to enhance supervision and monitoring of inmate work areas. A directive was issued by the Chief of Security requiring shift commanders and plant managers to ensure offenders are escorted while working in the Milk Plant and Print Shop Warehouses.

Standard 115.14: Youthful inmates

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.14 (a)

- Does the facility place all youthful inmates in housing units that separate them from sight, sound, and physical contact with any adult inmates through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
115.14 (b)

- In areas outside of housing units does the agency maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) □ Yes □ No ☒ NA

- In areas outside of housing units does the agency provide direct staff supervision when youthful inmates and adult inmates have sight, sound, or physical contact? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) □ Yes □ No ☒ NA

115.14 (c)

- Does the agency make its best efforts to avoid placing youthful inmates in isolation to comply with this provision? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) □ Yes □ No ☒ NA

- Does the agency, while complying with this provision, allow youthful inmates daily large-muscle exercise and legally required special education services, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) □ Yes □ No ☒ NA

- Do youthful inmates have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates [inmates <18 years old].) □ Yes □ No ☒ NA

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There are no youthful offenders housed at SFEU.

**Standard 115.15: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.15 (a)
 Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?  ☒ Yes  ☐ No

115.15 (b)

 Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates in non-exigent circumstances? (N/A here for facilities with less than 50 inmates before August 20, 2017.)  ☒ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ NA

 Does the facility always refrain from restricting female inmates’ access to regularly available programming or other out-of-cell opportunities in order to comply with this provision? (N/A here for facilities with less than 50 inmates before August 20, 2017.)  ☒ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ NA

115.15 (c)

 Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?  ☒ Yes  ☐ No

 Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates?  ☒ Yes  ☐ No

115.15 (d)

 Does the facility implement a policy and practice that enables inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks?  ☒ Yes  ☐ No

 Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit?  ☒ Yes  ☐ No

115.15 (e)

 Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex inmates for the sole purpose of determining the inmate’s genital status?  ☒ Yes  ☐ No

 If an inmate’s genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the inmate, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner?  ☒ Yes  ☐ No

115.15 (f)
• Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? ☒ Yes ☐ No

• Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex inmates in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

VDOC agency Operating Procedures 445.1 (Employee, Visitor, and Offender Searches), 350.2 (Training and Development), 401.2 (Security Staffing), and Operating Procedure 720.2 (Medical Screenings, Classification, and Levels of Care) provide guidance to staff regarding cross gender searches and viewing. VDOC operating procedures do not permit cross gender pat searches of female offenders. Operating Procedure 350.2 directs that cross gender frisk searches of male and transgender offenders to done in a professional manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible. Operating Procedure 401.2 supports the privacy of offenders when using showers and toilet facilities. Operating Procedure 720.2 prohibits the examining of transgender offenders or intersex offenders for the sole purpose of determining genital status.

Practice(s):

The policies are compliant with PREA objectives to limit cross gender searches and viewing. Cross gender strip or cross-gender body cavity searches are prohibited, except in emergency situations or when performed and documented by a medical practitioner. SFEU staff indicated they received cross-gender pat search training during initial and annual training. The auditor verified training by examining course outlines. The facility has an established practice for notifying offenders when opposite gender staff members are present on the housing units. This practice was exhibited during the on-site audit.
SFEU toilets are located inside cells and shower doors currently limit direct sightlines to offenders when showering or changing clothes. Unit log books were examined to ensure that opposite gender entrance into housing units were logged as prescribed by policy. Staff and offender interviews corroborated proper implementation of policy. The above described corrective actions and factors support substantial compliance going forward of this standard. There have not been any instances of cross gender strip or body cavity searches during the applicable audit period.

**Corrective Action:**

During the tour of the facility, the auditor concluded that controls were not in place to limit non-medical staff’s cross gender viewing except for incidental viewing during security related housing unit rounds. Camera feeds in two negative pressure cells provided views of inmates performing bodily functions. During the on-site audit period, the facility implemented corrective action for PREA standard 115.15(d). The facility took the cameras off-line in order to adequately limit non-incidental cross-gender viewing. The auditor verified this corrective action during the on-site audit phase. Corrective action was also implemented by installing privacy doors for Milk Plant bathroom toilets. The auditor verified this corrective action.

**Standard 115.16: Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.16 (a)

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who are blind or have low vision? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have intellectual disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have psychiatric disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have speech disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Other (if "other," please explain in overall determination notes)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have intellectual disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have limited reading skills? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Are blind or have low vision? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.16 (b)

Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to inmates who are limited English proficient? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.16 (c)

Does the agency always refrain from relying on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistance except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate’s safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate’s allegations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

Operating Procedure 038.3 (Prison Rape Elimination Act), governs compliance initiatives in meeting the standard on ensuring inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient have equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency’s efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Practice(s)

During the on-site audit period, SFEU identified six offenders who required adaptive measures implemented in order to benefit from PREA deliverables. The offenders were interviewed by the auditor. Offenders admitted to SFEU receive printed orientation materials written in English, as well as Spanish (the primary LEP category). The facility has contracts for sign language translation and video remote interpretive services. VDOC also has established contracts for phone interpretation services covering multiple languages. Two deaf, and two “hard of hearing inmates were interviewed using an interpreter. One inmate was interviewed using a telephone language line.

Corrective Action:

Staff were not trained in how to use the telephone interpreter service and required post on-site audit training. The auditor verified that this training was completed. The auditor reviewed the supporting documentation. Staff at SFEU present PREA information to its population upon admission to the facility. SFEU has fully institutionalized this standard. The above policies, practices, and procedures support compliance with this standard.

Standard 115.17: Hiring and promotion decisions

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.17 (a)
Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (b)

Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (c)

Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with inmates, does the agency: perform a criminal background records check? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with inmates, does the agency: consistent with Federal, State, and local law, makes its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (d)

Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No
115.17 (e)  
- Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (f)  
- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (g)  
- Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.17 (h)  
- Does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedures 102.3 (Background Investigation Program), Operating Procedure 102.2 (Recruitment, Selection, and Appointment), Operating Procedure 260.1 (Procurement of Goods and Services), Operating Procedure 040.1 (Litigation), Operating Procedure 057.1 (Personnel Records), Operating Procedure 135.1 (Standards of Conduct), and Operating Procedure 145.2 (Employee Performance Management) govern compliance with hiring and promotion decisions for employees, contractors, and volunteers. These policies prohibit the facility from hiring or promoting anyone who may have contact with inmates, and prohibits the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates: who have engaged in sexual abuse, been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity by force or coercion, or have been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in such activity as described above. The above policies and procedures require an affirmative duty to report, and address material omission's effects on employment. The above directives allow information regarding substantiated sexual abuse/harassment allegations to be provided to a perspective employer if a written request is received. The facility executes these policies through a comprehensive selection screening process. The facility collects background information via the employment application process, via fingerprints, and information regarding past employment histories. The facility conducts criminal history inquiries. The facility also solicits information on any past convictions, civil or administrative adjudications on engaging or attempting to engage in sexual abuse and harassment activities. The facility also conducts reference checks.

Practice(s):

During the audit week, a human resources specialist was interviewed, and a sample of 10 staff and 10 contractor and volunteer background screening tracking and files were reviewed. This review substantiated a thorough hiring and promotion screening process. The five-year background tracking system was also reviewed. Based upon compliant policies and the practical implementation of such, SFEU is in full compliance with this standard.

Standard 115.18: Upgrades to facilities and technologies

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.18 (a)

- If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing
facilities since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.18 (b)

- If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency’s ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)
☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

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**Policy:**

Operating Procedure 801.1 (Facility Physical Plant and Sanitation) establishes guidance on renovations, expansions, and the enhancement of video monitoring capabilities and any correlation to sexual safety.

**Practice(s):**

Since the last PREA audit, SFEU added cameras to multiple locations in two housing unit. Additionally, cameras were added to the front entrance area. There have not been any expansions or modifications made to the physical plant at SFEU.

**RESPONSIVE PLANNING**

Standard 115.21: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations
115.21 (a)

If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes □ No □ NA

115.21 (b)

Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes □ No □ NA

Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women publication, “A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents,” or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☒ Yes □ No □ NA

115.21 (c)

Does the agency offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiary or medically appropriate? ☒ Yes □ No

Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible? ☒ Yes □ No

If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)? ☒ Yes □ No

Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs? ☒ Yes □ No

115.21 (d)

Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center? ☒ Yes □ No

If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member? ☒ Yes □ No
- Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?
  ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.21 (e)

- As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.21 (f)

- If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating entity follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.21 (g)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.21 (h)

- If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? [N/A if agency attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.21(d) above.] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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Policy:

The governing policies to ensure proper evidence protocol, forensic services if needed, and victim advocacy services are: Operating Procedure 030.4 (Special Investigative Unit), Operating Procedure 038.1 (Reporting Serious or Unusual Incidents), and Operating Procedure 720.7 (Emergency Medical Equipment and Care), and Operating Procedure 730.2 (Mental Health Services: Screening, Assessment and Classification).

Practice(s):

SFEU conducts administrative investigations of sexual abuse and harassment allegations. If a sexual abuse and harassment allegation is referred for criminal investigation, it is handled by the VDOC Special Investigations Unit (SIU). The agency and facility follow the uniform evidence protocol, adapted from and or based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence against Women publication. SFEU and the VDOC also use various sexual assault checklists depending on the persons or status of persons allegedly involved in the allegation (Offender/Offender or Staff/Offender). Correctional and Health Services staff interviewed were knowledgeable of the procedures required to secure and obtain usable evidence when sexual abuse is alleged. There were no forensic exams required for an alleged sexual assault victim during the audit period. If a forensic exam is needed, SFEU offenders are transported to Virginia Commonwealth University Hospital in Richmond, Va. Contracted advocacy services are provided by Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. The auditor reviewed the current agreement. All victims’ services are provided at no cost to the offender. Based on a review of documentation and verification of services, in addition to staff interviews, this standard is found in compliance.

Standard 115.22: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.22 (a)

- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.22 (b)

- Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency document all such referrals? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.22 (c)

- If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does such publication describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? [N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☑ NA

115.22 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.22 (e)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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Policy:

Operating Procedure 030.4 (Special Investigative Unit) and Operating Procedure 038.3 (Prison Rape Elimination Act) provide guidance to the agency and facility in ensuring all allegations of sexual abuse and harassment receive a proper administrative or criminal investigation.

Practice(s):

Trained facility investigators conduct administrative investigations, and the VDOC SIU conducts criminal investigations if needed. The above policies ensure proper procedures are followed. The policy is posted on the VDOC public website www.vadoc.virginia.gov. Over the previous 12 months, there were 11 SFEU sexual abuse/harassment allegations received. Referrals were made to facility investigators. There were five harassment allegations filed.
against staff and there were no criminal referrals. The 11 administrative investigations resulted in seven unsubstantiated, and four unfounded allegations. There have not been any substantiated sexual abuse or harassment allegations at SFEU over the applicable audit period. All investigations were closed during the audit period.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Standard 115.31: Employee training

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.31 (a)

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on inmates’ right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
115.31 (b)

- Is such training tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee’s facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male inmates to a facility that houses only female inmates, or vice versa? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.31 (c)

- Have all current employees who may have contact with inmates received such training? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency’s current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.31 (d)

- Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

Operating Procedure 102.6 (Staff Orientation) and Operating Procedure 350.2 (Training and Development) are the governing policies relative to employee training.
Practice(s):

Newly hired employees receive extensive training relative to PREA standards at initial training and all staff having inmate contact is provided training during annual training. Employees who have contact with inmates receive training concerning zero tolerance of sexual abuse and harassment, prevention, detection, reporting, the dynamics of sexual assault and harassment in confinement, as well as other pertinent topics. Based on a sampling of 14 employee records, and 12 random interviews, all staff receive required employee training.

Standard 115.32: Volunteer and contractor training

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.32 (a)  
- Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency’s sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.32 (b)  
- Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates been notified of the agency’s zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.32 (c)  
- Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

Operating Procedure 027.1 (Volunteer Program), Operating Procedure 038.3 (Prison Rape Elimination Act), Operating Procedure 102.6 (Staff Orientation), and Operating Procedure 350.2 (Training and Development), are the governing policies relative to volunteer and contractor training. These policies require all contractors and volunteers to acknowledge receipt of PREA training.

Practice(s):

Documentation was reviewed of training curriculum and training acknowledgment forms pertaining to contractors and volunteers. Contractors and volunteers who have contact with inmates are trained on their responsibilities under PREA. SFEU reported 238 volunteers and individual contractors as receiving training in VDOC’s zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and harassment, as well as methods of prevention, detection, and response. The auditor interviewed four volunteer/contractor staff and reviewed additional documentation dedicated for this training purpose. Individual volunteer and contractor files sampled during the audit revealed all files contained an acknowledgment that the volunteer and contractor completed and understood their responsibilities relative to PREA.

Standard 115.33: Inmate education

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.33 (a)

- During intake, do inmates receive information explaining the agency’s zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- During intake, do inmates receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.33 (b)

- Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.33 (c)

Have all inmates received such education? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do inmates receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the inmate’s new facility differ from those of the previous facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.33 (d)

Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are limited English proficient? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are deaf? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are visually impaired? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are otherwise disabled? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who have limited reading skills? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.33 (e)

Does the agency maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.33 (f)

In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Policy:**

Operating Procedure 038.3 (Prison Rape Elimination Act), and Operating Procedure 810.2 (Transferred Offender Receiving and Orientation) provide governance of this standard.

**Practice(s):**

All offenders, upon admission to the VDOC are provided the "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention" brochure in English and Spanish. SFEU offenders are shown a video “PREA: What You Need to Know” created by Just Detention International. Within 10 days, offenders are provided a comprehensive education including viewing videos (Breaking the Silence of Offender Sexual Abuse) on PREA related matters. Offenders are required to sign acknowledgment of receipt of training. Documentation was reviewed by the auditor of completion of training. Documentation was reviewed by the auditor of completion of training. Transferred offenders to SFEU also receive a copy of the brochure upon admission and sign for receipt. If documentation of prior comprehensive PREA education is not available in the offender record, SFEU repeats the comprehensive training for applicable cases. Staff readers, video sign language interpretation, and language interpretation services are available for PREA training if needed. Documentation reviewed by the auditor reveals all offenders received at SFEU are provided PREA information upon admission. Twenty-six offender interviews and case file records confirmed receipt of PREA orientation and education. PREA informational posting are also available throughout the facility.

**Standard 115.34: Specialized training: Investigations**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

**115.34 (a)**

- In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.31, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**115.34 (b)**
- Does this specialized training include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a.)] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does this specialized training include proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a.)] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does this specialized training include sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a.)] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does this specialized training include the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a.)] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.34 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a.)] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.34 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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Policy:
Operating Procedures 030.4 and 350.2 require facility investigators to be trained in conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings, trained in techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, and the proper use of Miranda and Garrity Warnings, as well as sexual abuse evidence collection.

Practice(s):

Training documentation was reviewed for the four facility investigators and one SIU agent at SFEU. The documentation revealed that all investigators have received required specialized PREA training.

Standard 115.35: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.35 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.35 (b)

- If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.35 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere? ☒ Yes ☐ No
115.35 (d)

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.31? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.32? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

In accordance with Operating Procedures 102.6, 350.2, 701.1, and 720.7, all full and part-time medical and mental health staff shall complete specialized PREA training. The above procedures apply to contractors as well. If required, forensic exams are conducted at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Practice(s):

A review of training records revealed that medical and mental health staff have received the appropriate basic and specialized PREA training. NIC training in medical and behavioral healthcare for sexual assault victims in confinement settings was completed. This was substantiated through a review or records and interviews with medical and mental health staff.

SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

Standard 115.41: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report
115.41 (a)

- Are all inmates assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are all inmates assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (b)

- Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (c)

- Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (d)

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (2) The age of the inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (3) The physical build of the inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (5) Whether the inmate’s criminal history is exclusively nonviolent? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (6) Whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (7) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming (the facility affirmatively asks the
inmate about his/her sexual orientation and gender identity AND makes a subjective determination based on the screener’s perception whether the inmate is gender non-conforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (9) The inmate’s own perception of vulnerability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (10) Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (e)

- In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior acts of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior convictions for violent offenses? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (f)

- Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the inmate’s arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the inmate’s risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (g)

- Does the facility reassess an inmate’s risk level when warranted due to a: Referral? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility reassess an inmate’s risk level when warranted due to a: Request? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility reassess an inmate’s risk level when warranted due to a: Incident of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility reassess an inmate’s risk level when warranted due to a: Receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate’s risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness? ☒ Yes ☐ No
115.41 (h)  
- Is it the case that inmates are not ever disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d)(8), or (d)(9) of this section? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.41 (i)  
- Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate’s detriment by staff or other inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

Operating Procedures 810.1, 810.2, and 730.2 govern the screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness upon admission to the facility. The procedures require an initial assessment to be completed within 72 hours by intake staff. Specifically, a classification assessment is completed, containing numerous variables which gauge the propensity for abusiveness or victimization. This screening tool considers all identified criteria as per standard 115.41. Any offender who scores as a "High Risk Sexual Victim" (HRSV) and/or "High Risk Sexual Aggressor" (HRSA) is referred to mental health staff for follow-up.

Practice(s):

Intake staff were interviewed and the process for initial PREA risk assessment was reviewed. It was evident that staff performs risk assessment immediately upon admission. Classification assessments are reviewed and updated as needed for inmates received via transfer to be housed in the general population. The operating procedures also require a 21-day reassessment based on any additional and relevant information received. SFEU conducts an
affirmative reassessment on all admissions regardless of the status of new information. The auditor reviewed documentation of classification assessments and reassessments and determined that screenings for victimization and abusiveness are conducted in compliance with the standards.

**Standard 115.42: Use of screening information**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.42 (a)

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Housing Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Bed assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Work Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Education Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Program Assignments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.42 (b)

- Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.42 (c)

- When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate’s health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns inmates to a male or female facility on the basis of anatomy alone, that agency is not in compliance with this standard)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- When making housing or other program assignments for transgender or intersex inmates, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate’s health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems? Yes ☒ No ☐

115.42 (d)

- Are placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate? Yes ☒ No ☐

115.42 (e)

- Are each transgender or intersex inmate’s own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments? Yes ☒ No ☐

115.42 (f)

- Are transgender and intersex inmates given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates? Yes ☒ No ☐

115.42 (g)

- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: lesbian, gay, and bisexual inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? Yes ☒ No ☐

- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: transgender inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? Yes ☒ No ☐

- Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: intersex inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? Yes ☒ No ☐

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Policy:
Operating procedures 038.3, 425.4, 730.2, 841.2, and 810.2 govern screening, assessment, and housing. Additionally, these procedures provide policy guidance on management of bed and cell assignments, transfer procedures and reception and classification.

Practice(s):
The VDOC classification assessment procedures require every offender entering the VDOC to be assessed for propensity for sexual victimization or sexual aggression. Also, assessment occurs upon transfer, again at the 14-21-day interval, and when new and relevant information becomes available. This process is completed to ensure proper housing assignments. High risk offenders for both sexual aggression and victimization are tracked via reports generated from the VDOC information systems. This data is used to ensure proper housing and other program assignments. SFEU housed one transgender offender at the time of the audit. Operating procedures provide guidance consistent with the requirements of PREA standards relative to transgender issues. The facility does not have a designated unit or housing sections for gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex offenders. Based on a review of policies, tracking reports, and upon interviews conducted with classification staff, the information gained via propensity screening upon intake allows for housing and programming decision consistent with the objectives of the PREA.

Standard 115.43: Protective Custody

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.43 (a)

- Does the facility always refrain from placing inmates at high risk for sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- If a facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, does the facility hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.43 (b)
• Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Programs to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

• Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Privileges to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

• Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Education to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

• Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Work opportunities to the extent possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

• If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document: The opportunities that have been limited? ☒ Yes ☐ No

• If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document: The duration of the limitation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

• If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document: The reasons for such limitations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.43 (c)

• Does the facility assign inmates at high risk of sexual victimization to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged? ☒ Yes ☐ No

• Does such an assignment not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.43 (d)

• If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The basis for the facility’s concern for the inmate’s safety? ☒ Yes ☐ No

• If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.43 (e)

• In the case of each inmate who is placed in involuntary segregation because he/she is at high risk of sexual victimization, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

VDOC Operating procedures 425.4, 810.1, 810.2, and 830.5 govern the implementation of this standard. The policy on offender reception and classification prohibits offenders identified as high risk of sexual victimization from being placed in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and it has been determined by a qualified mental health professional, in consultation with the Shift Commander and Regional PREA Analyst, that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. Offenders in this status would be reviewed every seven days.

Practice(s):

SFEU reported that there were no offenders deemed at risk of sexual victimization held in involuntary segregated housing for the audit period. The above policies were reviewed and found to be compliant in providing guidance consistent with PREA standards regarding involuntary segregated housing of offenders deemed at risk for sexual victimization. At the time of the audit, there were no offenders at risk for sexual victimization housed in involuntary segregated housing.

REPORTING

Standard 115.51: Inmate reporting

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.51 (a)

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.51 (b)

- Does the agency also provide at least one way for inmates to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does that private entity or office allow the inmate to remain anonymous upon request? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Are inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.51 (c)

- Does staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does staff promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.51 (d)

- Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

Operating procedures 038.3, 801.6, 803.3, 866.1, and 038.1 govern and outline procedures for allowing multiple internal ways for offenders to report privately to agency officials about sexual abuse or harassment, retaliation issues, and staff neglect or violations of responsibilities that may have contributed to PREA issues.

Practice(s):

The agency provides a mechanism for offenders to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency. VDOC and SFEU also have policies which mandate that staff accept reports of sexual assault and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties. The policies contain procedures which require staff to document verbal reports promptly and/or immediately. SFEU has supervisors available on all shifts, as well as phone and email access for all staff in order to privately report sexual abuse and harassment of offenders. Staff members are informed of these procedures through new employee orientation and during annual training. Examples of reporting avenues allowed by VDOC include a departmental hotline available to offenders, reporting issues to a staff member, reporting via messages or letters to the Warden, or through relatives and friends. There are posters and other documents on display throughout the facility outlining reporting mechanisms. The postings were observed by the auditor as avenues for gaining information on reporting. The posters explained reporting methods. All 26 offenders interviewed indicated they had been advised of the multiple ways to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The tracking of sexual abuse and harassment allegations indicate a variety of reporting origins which include external and internal sources, and both staff reporters and offender reporters. Additionally, SFEU offenders are provided a variety of reading materials in English and Spanish which contained information on reporting PREA issues.

Standard 115.52: Exhaustion of administrative remedies

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.52 (a)

- Is the agency exempt from this standard? NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because an inmate does not have to or is not ordinarily expected to submit a grievance to report sexual abuse. This means that as a matter of explicit policy, the agency does not have an administrative remedies process to address sexual abuse. ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA

115.52 (b)
- Does the agency permit inmates to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the agency always refrain from requiring an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.52 (c)

- Does the agency ensure that: An inmate who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.52 (d)

- Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by inmates in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- If the agency claims the maximum allowable extension of time to respond of up to 70 days per 115.52(d)(3) when the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision, does the agency notify the inmate in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the inmate does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may an inmate consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.52 (e)

- Are third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates? (If a third-party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
- If the inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the inmate’s decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.52 (f)

- Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.). ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency’s determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the initial response document the agency’s action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the agency’s final decision document the agency’s action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.52 (g)

- If the agency disciplines an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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Policy:

Operating procedure 866.1 governs this standard. In the VDOC PREA issues may be processed within the grievance system. Attempt at informal resolution is not required. There is no time limit on when an offender may file a PREA grievance. Offenders may also file emergency grievances. SFEU informs offenders of the grievance process via the inmate handbook provided during the offender education and orientation phase. The grievance system allows for third-party reporting and assistance in the completion of PREA related grievances. The policy prohibits staff from responding to grievances pertaining to themselves. Grievances are not submitted to, nor answered by, a staff member who is the subject of the grievance. The policy prohibits offenders from being disciplined as long as the filing is done in good faith.

Practice(s):

During the audit period SFEU reported that there were no routine allegations filed through the grievances process regarding sexual abuse or harassment. However, one emergency grievance was filed during the audit period. The auditor reviewed the tracking system for PREA allegations and verified that one allegation originated from the emergency grievance process. The emergency grievance was filed on May 14, 2018. Staff responded to the alleged victim on the same day and determined that the allegation did not qualify as an emergency grievance. The allegation was processed as a routine sexual harassment allegation and was closed as unfounded on May 30, 2019.

Standard 115.53: Inmate access to outside confidential support services

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.53 (a)

- Does the facility provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available of local, State, or national immigrant services agencies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the facility enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### 115.53 (b)

- Does the facility inform inmates, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### 115.53 (c)

- Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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### Policy:

Operating Procedure 038.3, the "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention" brochure in English and Spanish, as well as the Reception Handbook are the governing guidance on this standard. The above policies and materials require outside victim advocacy services for emotional support to be provided to affected offenders.
Locally, SFEU utilizes the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (Action Alliance) to provide capability for hotline reporting for sexual assaults, advocacy services for offenders, and training for staff and volunteers in accordance with state and federal laws. The facility provides mailing addresses and telephone numbers for Action Alliance. The facility enables reasonable communication between offenders and advocacy organizations and agencies in as confidential manner as possible and in accordance with the stipulations in the agreement with Action Alliance. Offenders are informed as part of their orientation process that all telephone calls are subject to monitoring. The contract for services was reviewed and PREA deliverables were stipulated in the contract. SFEU reports that during the audit period, there have been no requests for outside victims support services.

**Standard 115.54: Third-party reporting**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.54 (a)

- Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Policy:**

VDOC Operating Procedure 038.3 provides guidance on this standard. The policy requires the agency/facility to establish a method to receive third party reports of sexual abuse and sexual
harassment and shall distribute publicly, information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an offender.

**Practice(s):**
The VDOC public website (www.vadoc.virginia.gov) contains information on how to report sexual abuse and harassment. Additionally, there are "Third Party Reporting Forms" available to the public in English and Spanish. Twenty-six offenders who were interviewed were aware of this provision. This standard is met based on a review of documentation and interviews.

### OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING AN INMATE REPORT

**Standard 115.61: Staff and agency reporting duties**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

**115.61 (a)**

- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against inmates or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.61 (b)**

- Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, does staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.61 (c)**

- Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.61 (d)**
If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, does the agency report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.61 (e)

Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility’s designated investigators? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

Operating Procedure 038.1 requires all agency and facility staff, including contractors and volunteers, to report immediately any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency. Staff members are also required to report retaliation against offenders or staff who reports these incidents. Staff members are required to report on neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to incidents of retaliation. This policy also addresses the prohibition of revealing information to a person who is not a part of investigation, treatment, or management of the particular incident. Operating Procedure 720.2 requires all medical and mental health professionals at the initiation of services to disclose their duty to report and the limits of confidentiality. Operational Procedure 030.4 requires all allegations of sexual abuse and harassment to be reported to the facility designated investigator for initial investigation and notification to the PREA Analyst. Agency policy requires the information concerning the identity of the alleged victim and the specific facts of the case are limited to staff who have a need to know.

Practice(s):
Twelve random staff were interviewed. During the audit, documentation was reviewed to verify that staff allows anonymous reporting of PREA allegations. The tracking of PREA sexual abuse and harassment allegations reveals staff, offender, and external reporting mechanisms are available. This audit contained allegations which required the investigatory process to be invoked. There is evidence that there was an immediate response to allegations and there was proper handling of allegations in a professional and confidential manner. The evidence shows that allegations were received from an established hotline which does report anonymous allegations as applicable. Once allegations are received, the evidence shows they are assessed for investigation in compliance with PREA standards, and retaliation tracking and notifications are performed as required by the nature of the case. Based on the documentation reviewed, all reported allegations were investigated properly as required. SFEU does not house offenders under the age of 18.

**Standard 115.62: Agency protection duties**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.62 (a)

- When the agency learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the inmate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Policy:**

VDOC Operating procedures 038.3, 425.4, and 730.2 require staff to immediately take actions to protect offenders whom staff becomes aware are in imminent danger of sexual assault and abuse. The policies require immediate referral and consult with the head of the facility regarding action to be taken when an offender is at substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.
The policies also require coordination between qualified mental health professionals and facility heads in determining the appropriate protective actions to take to address the imminent risk of victimization.

Practice(s):

Interviews with 12 random staff revealed they would immediately report violations. Interviews with first responder staff revealed adequate knowledge of expected duties acting as a first responder. SFEU reported no documented instance of an offender requiring immediate response to an alleged substantial risk to imminent sexual victimization during the audit period.

Standard 115.63: Reporting to other confinement facilities

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.63 (a)

- Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.63 (b)

- Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.63 (c)

- Does the agency document that it has provided such notification? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.63 (d)

- Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

Operating Procedures 038.3 and 030.4 require facilities to implement a process to report allegations of sexual misconduct to other confinement facilities. The policies require the facility head to ensure an investigation is initiated when and offender reports prior sexual abuse at another facility. Upon receiving an allegation that an offender was sexually assaulted, sexually abused, or subjected to staff, contractor, or volunteer sexual misconduct while confined at another facility, the facility head shall immediately notify the facility head or the appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred. Notification is to be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation. The facility head is responsible for documenting that the notification has been provided and investigated in accordance with the requirements of PREA standards.

Practice(s):

During the audit period, SFEU reported one allegation received from another facility concerning a sexual assault which allegedly occurred at PRCC/SFEU in 2000. The notice was received in June 2018 from Hampden County Sheriff’s Department in Ludlow, Mass. An investigation was opened and was deemed unfounded due to the in availability of corroborating evidence. During the on-site audit, an interview with an offender revealed a report of abuse which allegedly occurred at another VDOC facility. The offender claimed he reported the allegation during intake at SFEU. However, there was no documentation of follow-up regarding the allegation with the VDOC facility head where the alleged incident occurred.

Corrective Action:

Corrective action was implemented, and staff were re-trained on the requirements necessary when an offender alleges sexual abuse which occurred at another facility. Staff acknowledged receiving training on the notifications required to the prior facility within 72 hours.

Standard 115.64: Staff first responder duties

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.64 (a)

- Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Separate the alleged victim and abuser? ☒ Yes □ No
Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.64 (b)

If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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Policy:

Operating Procedures 038.3, 030.4, and 075.1 are the agency policies which govern this standard. These policies outline requirements for staff to act as first responders and guide them in carrying out first responder duties. Separating the alleged victim and aggressor; preserving and protecting crime scenes; collecting physical evidence if possible; protecting the victim and immediately notifying shift supervisors are required and outlined within these policies. Security staff is provided first responder cards for use as needed and SFEU uses a "Sexual Assault Response Checklist” to ensure proper protocols are followed.
Interviews with 12 random security staff revealed adequate knowledge of expected duties acting as a first responder. During the period covered by the pre-audit questionnaire, there was no offender on offender sexual abuse first responder incident responded to by security staff.

**Standard 115.65: Coordinated response**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.65 (a)

- Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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**Policy:**

Operating Procedures 038.3 and 075.1 provide detailed guidance to employees regarding the expected coordinated actions to take place in response to an incident of sexual abuse. Coordinated actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health staff, investigators and facility administration are outlined in the above policies. SFEU maintains a “PREA Management Plan”, and governing policy provides a Sexual Assault Response Checklist.

**Practice(s):**
SFEU developed a "PREA Management Plan". This plan was developed in accordance with Operating Procedure 038.3 which requires a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership. This plan establishes specific guidelines and direction in the event of a PREA incident and to provide a safe environment where offenders are free from assault and sexual misconduct. Interviews with all categories of staff indicated an adequate understanding of their roles as part of a coordinated response. SFEU also has a Sexual Assault Response Checklist which details all the steps to be taken in the event of an allegation of sexual assault. This standard is compliant based on knowledgeable staff and clear policy guidance.

Standard 115.66: Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.66 (a)

- Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.66 (b)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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Policy/Practice(s): There are no collective bargaining agreements in the VDOC. Therefore, there are no collective bargaining related limitations on the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any offender pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted.

Standard 115.67: Agency protection against retaliation

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.67 (a)

- Has the agency established a policy to protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.67 (b)

- Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.67 (c)

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor any inmate disciplinary reports? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate housing changes? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate program changes? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor negative performance reviews of staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor reassignments of staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.67 (d)

In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.67 (e)

If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.67 (f)

Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedures 038.3, 135.2, 075.7, and 145.5 govern the mandates of this standard. The policies provide guidance on all aspects of retaliation protection monitoring and tracking measures. The above policies provide multiple protection measures which comply with the standard. The agency policies provide for emotional support for staff who report sexual abuse.

Practice(s):

During this audit period, SFEU implemented retaliation monitoring and tracking as applicable on all reported cases of sexual abuse and harassment. The facility reports no protective measures needed to protect inmates or staff from retaliation. However, it was unclear from the tracking spreadsheet which factors were monitored and what the nature of monitoring revealed.

Corrective Action:

Based on this audit finding, retaliation monitoring documentation was enhanced to reveal the specific retaliatory areas of concern and the conclusion. The facility’s tracking system notes monitoring dates of 30, 60, and up to 90-day intervals if needed. The monitoring intervals were noted on the seven applicable cases for the audit period. Going forward, monitoring dates will be addressed within the context of any suspected adverse circumstances incurred by the alleged victim or witness, such as disciplinary reports, housing or program changes, performance evaluations, etc.

Standard 115.68: Post-allegation protective custody

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.68 (a)

- Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.43? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Policy:**

VDOC Operating Procedures 425.4 and 830.5 govern this standard. These policies reflect the requirements of the facility to comply with PREA standard 115.43 regarding the use of involuntary segregated housing. The policies are detailed in outlining limitations on involuntary segregation housing placement options for offenders alleging sexual abuse, or others identified as high risk for sexual victimization.

**Practice(s):**

During the audit period, SFEU reported that no offenders had been placed in involuntary segregated housing who had alleged to have suffered sexual abuse. The auditor interviewed one offender who reported sexual harassment at the facility. During the on-site tour of the facility, the auditor visited the Administrative Segregation Unit. There were no offenders housed there during the audit week who had alleged sexual abuse.

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### INVESTIGATIONS

**Standard 115.71: Criminal and administrative agency investigations**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

**115.71 (a)**

- When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

- Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).] ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**115.71 (b)**
Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations as required by 115.34? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (c)

Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (d)

When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (e)

Do agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual’s status as inmate or staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (f)

Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (g)

Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (h)

Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution? ☒ Yes ☐ No
115.71 (i)

- Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.71(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (j)

- Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.71 (k)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

115.71 (l)

- When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedures 030.4, and 038.3, governs the mandates of this standard. SFEU follows the policies’ guiding procedures for administrative and/or criminal agency investigations.

Practice(s):
Specially trained sexual violence investigators at SFEU and the Special Investigative Unit at VDOC headquarters are assigned to promptly, thoroughly, and objectively investigate all allegations, including third party and anonymous allegations. Over the applicable audit period, there were 11 SFEU sexual abuse/harassment allegations received. SFEU investigators completed all investigations. Investigative staff was interviewed during the on-site visit. Based on interviews, investigators use the uniform evidence protocol. Where applicable, investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data. Interviews are conducted with the alleged victim, suspected perpetrator and potential witnesses. The investigators review prior complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator. Based on interviews, when the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, the agency conducts compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution. The on-site interviews also revealed that the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness is assessed on an individual basis and not determined by the person’s status. SFEU does not require alleged victims to submit to a polygraph examination or similar process. All administrative investigations were documented in written reports which included a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the assessments, and investigative facts and findings. VDOC and SFEU retain all written reports per statute requirements. Interviews revealed the departure of perpetrators or victims from employment or confinement in the facility does not provide a basis for terminating the investigation. There were no substantiated cases during the applicable audit period.

Standard 115.72: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.72 (a)

- Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedures 135.1 and 135.2 govern the mandates of this standard. The policies state that the agency imposes no standard higher than the preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. The policies meet the requirements of the standard.

Practice(s):

A review of five sample investigative files and the basis for their conclusions reveals that the outcomes are based on no higher standard than the preponderance of the evidence.

Standard 115.73: Reporting to inmates

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.73 (a)

- Following an investigation into an inmate’s allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility; does the agency inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.73 (b)

- If the agency did not conduct the investigation into an inmate’s allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the inmate? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.73 (c)

- Following an inmate’s allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate’s unit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Following an inmate’s allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Following an inmate’s allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident...
whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

☐ Following an inmate’s allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.73 (d)

☐ Following an inmate’s allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

☐ Following an inmate’s allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.73 (e)

☐ Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.73 (f)

☐ Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedures 038.3 and 030.4 govern the mandates of this standard.
**Practice(s):**

SFEU informs the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded. During the on-site visit, the auditor sampled five offender allegations to determine if outcomes were communicated to the alleged victim. The auditor observed this documentary evidence to be compliant. The above referenced agency and facility policies also cover instances in which the agency may not have conducted the investigation. During this audit period, SFEU did not have any cases of substantiated offender on offender sexual abuse. There were no substantiated staff on offender allegations for the applicable audit period. Also, during this audit period, there were no cases in which SFEU was required to report any instances of offender indictments or convictions related to sexual abuse within the facility. Agency and facility policies, however, provide guidance to staff in notifying the alleged victim of the indictment or conviction status of the alleged abuser.

### DISCIPLINE

**Standard 115.76: Disciplinary sanctions for staff**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.76 (a)

- Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.76 (b)

- Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.76 (c)

- Are disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member’s disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.76 (d)

- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedures 135.1 and 135.2 govern the mandates of this standard.

Practice(s):

During this audit period, SFEU did not have any staff members subject to disciplinary proceedings for sexual abuse. The governing policies support termination as the presumptive discipline for sexual abuse violations; the policies cover commensurate discipline involving appropriate offenses; and covers notification to law enforcement and licensing bodies if the violation was clearly criminal. There were no cases requiring assessment of commensurate and consistent discipline. There were no cases or allegations requiring the notification of licensing bodies. Based on sound policy guidance, this standard is fully compliant.

Standard 115.77: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.77 (a)

☒ Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

☒ Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
• Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.77 (b)

• In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedures 135.2 and 027.1 govern the mandates of this standard.

Practice(s):

During the audit period, SFEU had no occurrences of contractor or volunteer sexual misconduct with offenders. However, all governing policies guide staff in expectations for corrective action for contractors and volunteers. In the case of criminal activity, law enforcement and licensing bodies will be notified for any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse and would be prohibited from contact with inmates. Based on sound policy guidance and no applicable offenses, this standard is fully compliant.

Standard 115.78: Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.78 (a)
- Following an administrative finding that an inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, are inmates subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (b)**

- Are sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate’s disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (c)**

- When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether an inmate’s mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (d)**

- If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (e)**

- Does the agency discipline an inmate for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (f)**

- For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**115.78 (g)**

- Does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between inmates to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between inmates.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedures 861.1, 820.2, 830.3, and 038.3 are the governing policies for this standard. It is the policy of the VDOC and SFEU to use appropriate disciplinary action in the management of offender violations of VDOC and institutional rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. In determining the appropriate penalty, consideration is given to the nature and circumstances of the offense committed, the offender’s disciplinary history, and the penalty imposed for comparable offenses committed by other offenders with similar histories. Where the use of informal action or minor disciplinary report procedures is not appropriate or insufficient to achieve correctional goals, major sanctions are considered. In cases of discipline involving offenders with special needs, consideration is given to this variable and a statement from a mental health professional is required. VDOC policies require facilities that offer therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct the underlying reasons or motivations for sexually abusive behavior, to determine if offenders, who are found guilty of a disciplinary or criminal offense for sexual abuse, are required to participate in programs as a condition of access to other benefits. Offenders (HRSA) that do not comply with therapy, counseling, or other interventions are charged with a minor disciplinary code which may be adjudicated informally.

Practice(s):

During this audit period, there were no substantiated cases of offender on offender sexual abuse, and therefore no administrative discipline. VDOC policies provide guidance on when an offender can be disciplined for sexual contact with staff (only when there is a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact). Agency policy also provides guidance prohibiting discipline on an offender if sexual abuse is reported in good faith but not substantiated by sufficient evidence. Agency policy covers when sexual activity between offenders is not considered sexual abuse, (consensual) in addition to its prohibition of all consensual sexual activity. Consensual sexual activity is considered a Category II offense with informal resolution available as an optional sanction.

MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE

Standard 115.81: Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse
### 115.81 (a)
- If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### 115.81 (b)
- If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

### 115.81 (c)
- If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a jail inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### 115.81 (d)
- Is any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### 115.81 (e)
- Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination
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Policy:

VDOC Operational Procedures 425.4, 701.3, and 730.2, govern this standard.

Practice(s):

During admission to a VDOC facility, and within 14 days, if the Classification Assessment indicates that the offender has experienced prior sexual victimization (HRSV) or perpetrated sexual violence (HRSA), whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure the offender is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical and mental health practitioner. Policy states that any information related to sexual violence that occurred in an institutional setting shall be strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform of treatment plans and security and management decisions including housing, bed, work, education and program assignments. SFEU medical and mental health practitioners are required to obtain informed consent from offenders before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting. SFEU has mental health staff on site for applicable referrals and follow-up. During the on-site audit, the auditor reviewed a sample of intake and screening documentation (Classification Assessments). Offenders who were identified as high risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness based on initial screening were offered mental health follow-up. Based upon the documentation reviewed and processes conducted in accordance with agency policies, this standard is in compliance with the requirements of the PREA.

Standard 115.82: Access to emergency medical and mental health services

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.82 (a)

- Do inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?
  ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.82 (b)

- If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.62?
  ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.82 (c)

- Are inmate victims of sexual abuse offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.82 (d)

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

VDOC 038.3, 075.1, 720.4, and 720.7 require inmate victims of sexual abuse to receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioner’s judgment. The policies direct that if no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual violence is made, first responders will take preliminary steps to protect the victim and shall immediately notify the shift supervisor. The policies require offenders to be offered mental health and medical services, forensic and sexual assault exams completed by a qualified professional. Policy requires treatment services to be consistent with the community level of care and provided without financial costs regardless of whether the victim names the aggressor or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident. VDOC policy directs that offenders who are victims of alleged sexual assault are offered timely information and access to emergency contraception if applicable, and sexually transmitted
infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care where medically appropriate.

**Practice(s):**

During this audit period, there were no offender victims of sexual abuse requiring emergency medical and mental health services. Based on appropriate policy guidance and related medical and mental health staff interviews, this standard is in compliance with the requirement of the PREA.

**Standard 115.83: Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.83 (a)

- Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.83 (b)

- Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.83 (c)

- Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.83 (d)

- Are inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if all-male facility.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.83 (e)

- If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.83(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if all-male facility.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

115.83 (f)

- Are inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate? ☒ Yes ☐ No
115.83 (g)

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?
  ☒ Yes  ☐ No

115.83 (h)

- If the facility is a prison, does it attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners? (NA if the facility is a jail.)
  ☒ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ NA

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Policy:

The governing policies on this standard are VDOC policies 720.7, 730.2, and 720.4. These policies direct that inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioner's judgment. Policy requires treatment services to be consistent with the community level of care and provided without financial costs regardless of whether the victim names the aggressor or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident. If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual violence is made, first responders will take preliminary steps to protect the victim and shall immediately notify the shift supervisor. Offenders are to be offered mental health and medical services, forensic and sexual assault exams completed by a qualified professional. VDOC policy states that staff attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known offender on offender aggressors within 60 days of learning of such sexual violence history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by
mental health practitioners. Offenders who are victims of alleged sexual assault are offered timely information and access to emergency contraception if applicable, and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care where medically appropriate. The policy states the evaluation and treatment of victims of sexual violence shall include as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans and possibly referrals for continued care following transfer or release from custody.

**Practice(s):**

In the applicable audit period, there were no substantiated cases of staff on offender sexual abuse. SFEU reported no cases requiring follow-up services or treatment plans. There were no substantiated offender on offender cases. Based on documentation, policy guidance, and staff interviews, this facility is compliant with this standard.

### DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEW

#### Standard 115.86: Sexual abuse incident reviews

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

| 115.86 (a) | Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded? ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| 115.86 (b) | Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation? ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| 115.86 (c) | Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners? ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| 115.86 (d) | Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| | Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No |
- Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.86(d)(1) - (d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.86 (e)

- Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedures 038.1 governs the mandates of this standard. The policy is compliant in outlining the duties of staff post substantiated and unsubstantiated sexual abuse investigations.

Practice(s):

SFEU’s PREA Compliance Manager ensures that a sexual abuse incident review is conducted at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation that results in a substantiated or unsubstantiated finding. For the audit period, there were no substantiated or unsubstantiated cases of sexual abuse. As such, no incident reviews were required for the applicable audit
period. The SFEU executive team is standing members of the incident review team. Based on appropriate policy guidance and staff interviews with an Incident Review Team member, staff members are knowledgeable of their responsibilities in carrying out post investigation case reviews. Therefore, based on a review of files, adequate policy guidance, and knowledgeable staff to carry out these responsibilities, this facility is compliant with this PREA standard.

**Standard 115.87: Data collection**

*All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report*

115.87 (a)

- Does the agency collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.87 (b)

- Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.87 (c)

- Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.87 (d)

- Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.87 (e)

- Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its inmates.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

115.87 (f)

- Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedure 038.3 governs the mandate of this standard. This policy provides guidelines for compliance with PREA standards on data collection within the VDOC. The VDOC is responsible for tracking incident-based data, which is aggregated at least annually. The incident-based data includes the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice. The VDOC maintains and collects data as needed from all available incident-based documents including reports, investigation files, and incident reviews. Upon request, The VDOC provides data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice. VDOC incident-based data has been aggregated at least annually. Documentation of annual reports was reviewed by the auditor for calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Standard 115.88: Data review for corrective action

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.88 (a)

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole? ☒ Yes ☐ No
115.88 (b)
- Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency’s progress in addressing sexual abuse ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.88 (c)
- Is the agency's annual report approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means? ☒ Yes ☐ No

115.88 (d)
- Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Policy:

VDOC 038.3 governs the mandate of this standard. The VDOC reviews data collected and aggregated to assess and improve the effectiveness of the department's sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. Annual Reports for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 are available on the VDOC's public website identifying problem areas. The reports compare current year and prior year corrective actions and provide an assessment of the progress in addressing sexual violence. The posted annual reports are approved by the VDOC's Director.

Standard 115.89: Data storage, publication, and destruction

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report
115.89 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained?
  - Yes ☒  No ☐

115.89 (b)

- Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?
  - Yes ☒  No ☐

115.89 (c)

- Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?
  - Yes ☒  No ☐

115.89 (d)

- Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.87 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise?
  - Yes ☒  No ☐

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Policy:

VDOC Operating Procedure 038.3 governs the mandate of this standard. Data is retained in a secure filing system. VDOC makes all aggregated sexual abuse data readily available to the public at least annually on the VDOC website. Prior to making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, VDOC removes all personal identifiers. Sexual abuse data is retained for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection.
## AUDITING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits

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PRCC/SFEU was last audited in July 2016. The auditor was allowed access to all areas of the facility and had access to all required documentation. The auditor was allowed to conduct private interviews with offenders and staff. The offender population did not submit any confidential letters or concerns prior to the audit.

Standard 115.403: Audit contents and findings

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

115.403 (f)

- The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports within 90 days of issuance by auditor. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AGENCY AUDIT. In the case of single facility agencies, the auditor shall ensure that the facility’s last audit report was published. The pendency of any agency appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there have been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or in the case of single facility agencies that there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

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VDOC has published on the agency website, the previous PRCC/SFEU PREA audit report. SFEU has fully institutionalized all policies, practices, and procedures outlined in the PREA standards. SFEU possesses a culture of supportive response to sexual abuse and harassment allegations. Prevention, detection, and response mechanisms are fully ingrained in the facility’s management approach to the PREA. The auditor reviewed applicable standards and through document review and sampling, interviewing staff and offenders, and observing physical evidence, concluded that this facility fully meets and substantially complies in all material ways with the PREA standards for the relevant review period. VDOC policies are directly tied to standards expectations. The department has developed policy implementation tools to guide PREA Compliance Managers. SFEU leadership is fully committed to eliminating sexual abuse and harassment as evidenced in realistic staffing analysis and suggestions for enhanced supervision techniques. Investigations were conducted as required. The applicable audit period did not require SFEU to conduct incident reviews or administer discipline. However, policies are in place to guide staff in the implementation of these processes. Allegation outcome notifications are performed as required. PREA training for staff and offenders is documented and all stakeholders receive the appropriate level of training and are knowledgeable of the intent of PREA and tools available to ensure prevention, detection, and when necessary, response to sexual abuse. Sexual abuse and victimization propensity screening is well established via the classification assessment process. These categories are tracked in an organized fashion. Referrals for counseling are integrated in the intake and abuse allegation processes. Medical and advocacy networks for the offenders are established in the community. The general public has access to reporting mechanisms, and VDOC PREA trends data via the public VDOC website. There were corrective actions required during the on-site visit. SFEU implemented enhancement on limitations to non-incidental cross-gender viewing by installing partial barriers for toilet areas and taking cameras offline which provided views of toilet areas. Additional mirrors and increasing routine patrols in warehouse areas and providing additional training in the use of the language line phone was implemented. Additional training was implemented regarding follow-up on sexual abuse reporting of incidents occurring at other facilities. Enhancement of retaliation monitoring documentation was implemented. The auditor verified the completion of the corrective action during the post audit period. SFEU currently meets all applicable standards.
AUDITOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

☒ The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

☒ No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review, and

☒ I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.

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Donald Chadwick ___________________________ May 15, 2019

Auditor Signature Date

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