Department of Corrections
Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility

July 1, 1999 to October 31, 2000
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Enclosed is our report on the audit of the Department of Corrections, Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility for the period July 1, 1999 to October 31, 2000.

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Scope

We have completed an audit of the Department of Corrections (DOC), Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility for the period July 1, 1999 to October 31, 2000. Our audit included the financial activities accounted for in the state’s General Fund. Our review did not include nonappropriated funds since these funds were the subject of a DOC internal audit review.

The prime responsibility of the Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility is to provide programs for males who have a minimal history of previous commitment to correctional institutions. The department also provides educational and other programs to aid inmate rehabilitation. Annual expenditures of the facility were $35 million. Revenues of the facility were primarily receipts for inmates which are deposited to the Inmate Trust Fund (nonappropriated fund). These receipts are approximately $1 million annually.

Objectives

The objectives of our audit were to determine whether financial transactions were related to the facility’s programs, were reasonable, and were recorded properly in their accounting system. We also tested for resolution of significant issues noted in our prior audit report.

This audit was conducted pursuant to the State Auditor’s responsibilities as set forth in Article VII, Section 1, Paragraph 6 of the State Constitution and Title 52 of the New Jersey Statutes.

Methodology

Our audit was conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. In preparation for our testing, we studied legislation, administrative code, circular letters promulgated by the State Comptroller, and policies of the facility.
Provisions that we considered significant were documented and compliance with those requirements was verified by interview, observation, and through our samples of financial transactions. We read the budget message, reviewed financial trends and interviewed personnel to obtain an understanding of the facility’s programs and internal controls. We also reviewed audit reports issued by the department’s internal audit unit.

A nonstatistical sampling approach was used. Our samples of financial transactions were designed to provide conclusions about the validity of transactions as well as internal control and compliance attributes. Transactions were judgmentally selected.

**Conclusions**

We found that the financial transactions included in our testing were related to the facility’s programs, were reasonable, and were properly recorded in the accounting system. We also noted that the facility had resolved the significant issues noted in our prior report.