Department of Corrections
South Woods State Prison

July 1, 1996 to May 29, 1998
Enclosed is our report on the audit of the Department of Corrections, South Woods State Prison for the period July 1, 1996 to May 29, 1998.

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Scope
We have completed an audit of the Department of Corrections, South Woods State Prison for the period July 1, 1996 through May 29, 1998. Our audit included financial activities accounted for in the state's General Fund and nonappropriated funds.

Annual appropriations to the agency are $65 million. The prime responsibility of South Woods State Prison is to provide custody in a minimum and medium facility for adult male offenders.

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 the accounting systems.

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 agency. Provisions that we considered significant were documented and compliance with those requirements was verified by interview and observation and through our samples of financial transactions. We also read the budget message, reviewed financial trends, and interviewed agency personnel to obtain an understanding of the programs and the internal control structure.

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. Sample transactions were judgmentally selected.

Conclusions

We found that the financial transactions included in our testing were related to the agency's programs, were reasonable, and were properly recorded in the accounting systems.