

STATE OF OHIO



DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION
AND CORRECTION

SUBJECT: Prison Construction/ Expansion	PAGE <u>1</u> OF <u>2</u> . NUMBER: 21-CAM-01
RULE/CODE REFERENCE:	SUPERSEDES: 21-CAM-01 dated 01/23/09
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	APPROVED:

I. AUTHORITY

This policy is issued in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 5120.01, which delegates to the Director of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction the authority to manage all institutions and Divisions of the Department and to establish such rules and regulations as he prescribes.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a Population Needs Prison Facilities Committee for new construction and/or expansion of prison facilities, and to study present locations as well as new locations and institutional size and capacity.

III. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to those Department of Rehabilitation and Correction employees involved in prison facility construction/expansion.

IV. DEFINITIONS

None

V. POLICY

It is the policy of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction that new Correction Institutions be constructed or existing facilities expanded only after a Needs Evaluation Study is completed. All renovations, additions and new construction projects shall conform to all applicable federal, state and local building codes.

VI. PROCEDURES

- A. The Population Needs Prison Facilities Committee will include Administrative, Security, Maintenance, Safety and Health staff and Bureau of Construction, Activation, Maintenance, and Sustainability staff.

- B. The Population Needs Prison Facilities Committee shall conduct a thorough Needs Evaluation Study. The Needs Evaluation Study must be completed prior to any institutional expansion and/or new construction. Factors such as population projections, classification levels of inmates and security features should be considered when planning new construction or renovations to existing institutions.
- C. All newly constructed institutions shall be located within 50 miles of a civilian population center of at least 10,000 people, or minimally within one hour's driving time of a hospital, fire protection, and public transportation.
- D. Personal contact and interaction between staff and inmates shall be considered in physical plant design.
- E. Correctional officer posts should be located in or immediately adjacent to inmate living areas so that officers can hear and respond promptly to emergency situations.
- F. All new facilities are planned with close communication and participation from the community where such facility is planned to be located.