201—50.3(356,356A) Inspection and compliance. The chief jail inspector or authorized representatives shall visit and inspect each jail within this state at least annually to determine the degree of compliance with these standards and within 45 days of each inspection shall report the results to the sheriff and the governing body responsible for the facility.

50.3(1) *Notice of noncompliance with minimum standards.* Whenever the jail inspector or designee makes the determination that a jail or other holding facility is not in compliance with established minimum state jail standards, the chief administrator of the affected governmental facility shall be notified by letter posted or personal delivery of the noncompliance status. The notice shall specify:

a. The statute(s) and any rules alleged to have been violated.

b. The deficiencies cited.

c. The time period allowed for the submission of an acceptable plan of compliance within the appropriate time limitation.

d. The right to request a hearing pursuant to rule 201—2506.34(17A,356).

50.3(2) *Enforcement of minimum standards; remedial orders.* Upon receipt of a notice of noncompliance pursuant to subrule 50.3(1), the responsible authorities shall initiate appropriate corrective measures within the time prescribed by the jail inspection unit in its notice (which shall not exceed 90 days) and shall complete the corrections within a reasonable time as prescribed by the notice of noncompliance. The jail inspector may agree with the responsible authorities to a plan of action detailing corrective steps with corresponding time frames that will bring the facility into compliance within a reasonable time. If the responsible officials receiving a notice of noncompliance fail to initiate corrective measures or to complete the corrective measures within the time prescribed, the jail inspection unit may order the jail in question or any portion thereof closed, that further confinement of prisoners or classifications of prisoners in the noncomplying jail or any portion thereof be prohibited, or that all or any number of prisoners then confined be transferred to and maintained in another jail or detention facility, or any combination of remedies as set forth in subrule 50.3(1). This order shall be the notice of noncompliance pursuant to Iowa Code section 356.43 and 201—Chapter 2506 concerning contested cases. The matter shall then proceed in accordance with 7—Chapter 2506. The jail inspector may agree with the responsible authorities to a plan of action detailing corrective steps with corresponding time frames that would bring the facility into compliance within a reasonable time. The remedial order shall be in writing and shall specifically identify each minimum standard with which the jail has failed to comply. Such remedial order shall become final and effective 30 days after receipt thereof.

50.3(3) *Precedent.* Because rules cannot adequately anticipate all potential specific factual situations and circumstances presented for action, determination or adjudication by the jail inspection unit, the nature of the action taken with regard to any matter or the disposition of any matter pending before the jail inspection unit is not necessarily of meaningful precedential value, and the department shall not be bound by the precedent of any previous action, determination, or adjudication in the subsequent disposition of any matter pending before it. The director or the respondent may request that an informal conference be held to determine whether the noncompliance matter can be resolved in a just manner in furtherance of the public interest. Neither the director nor respondent is required to use this informal procedure. If the director and respondent agree to negotiate a settlement, the various points of the settlement, including a stipulated statement of facts, shall be set forth in writing and shall be binding on both parties.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.10, 17A.12 and 356.43.

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