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**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION  
NUMBER**

**435**

**OPR: OPERATIONS**

## PROTECTIVE CUSTODY STATUS

### I. GENERAL

This Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC) Administrative Regulation (AR) establishes the responsibilities, policies, and procedures governing the placement and supervision of inmates in protective custody status.

### II. POLICY

It is the policy of the ADOC to ensure the proper security, custody, and control of inmates assigned to protective custody status.

### III. DEFINITION(S) AND ACRONYM(S)

- A. **Enemy Validation Committee:** A committee comprised of the Classification Specialist/ Classification Supervisor, Warden / designee, and a security supervisor for the purpose of investigating the validity of potential enemy situations.
- B. **Protective Custody Status:** Requested or required status of separating an inmate from the general population by non-punitive confinement in a cell, cell block, or dorm due to the potential threat to the inmate's safety that has been documented and justified.

### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Warden/designee is responsible for developing the institutional standard operating procedures (SOP) as necessary for the implementation of AR 435, *Protective Custody Status*.
- B. Wardens responsible for female facilities are expected to include gender responsive and trauma informed principles in institutional SOPs relative to this regulation.
- C. ADOC employees are responsible for adhering to the provisions of this regulation.

## **V. PROCEDURES**

- A. The Enemy Validation Committee may place an inmate in protective custody status upon the request of the inmate when the reason(s) for the request are considered fully justified.
- B. The Enemy Validation Committee shall investigate the inmate's request and circumstances to determine if an enemy situation exists. The inmate shall name or otherwise identify their enemies and state reasons for the problems, if applicable.
- C. The Central Review Board shall review the recommendations of the Enemy Validation Committee and make the final decision.
- D. The following inmates shall be reviewed for protective custody status on a case-by-case basis:
  - 1. Prior law enforcement or correctional employees.
  - 2. Relatives of law enforcement or correctional employees
  - 3. Creditable informants
  - 4. Vulnerable inmates
  - 5. High profile cases
- E. Inmates In Protective Custody Status:
  - 1. Shall be afforded the same opportunities as inmates in general population as security permits.
  - 2. Shall be housed at Tutwiler for female inmates and Limestone for male inmates.
- F. Release From Protective Custody Status:
  - 1. An inmate may submit a request to the Enemy Validation Committee for review. The inmate shall provide written explanation as to why the enemy situation no longer exists.
  - 2. The Enemy Validation Committee shall investigate the inmate's request and circumstances to determine if an enemy situation continues to exist.
  - 3. The Central Review Board shall review the recommendations of the Enemy Validation Committee and make the final decision as to the release of the inmate.

## **VI. DISPOSITION**

Any forms used will be disposed of and retained according to the Departmental Records Disposition Authority (RDA).

**VII. FORMS**

A. There are no forms prescribed in this regulation.

**VIII. SUPERCEDES**

A. This regulation supersedes Administrative Regulation 435, *Protective Custody* dated March 19, 1985 and all changes.

**IX. PERFORMANCE**

A. American Correctional Association, *Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions*, 4th Edition: 4-4254.

  
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