

Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 created a Commission to recommend national standards to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse in confinement facilities

In 2012, the final rule established 44 standards

Standards require that at least 1/3 of a Department's facilities have to be audited each year to assess compliance with the standards

States that do not comply with the standards are subject to a 5% reduction in federal funds or must use 5% of the funds to enable compliance in future years

The standards required that the first audits had to be completed by August of 2014

In August of 2014, audits were conducted at the Northern Correctional Facility in Berlin, Calumet House in Manchester and the Transitional Work Center in Concord

The three facilities were all found to be in compliance.