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NIGC amends notice regarding Minimum Controls and Technical Standards for Class II Gaming to provide Tribes and Tribal regulators clarity

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19, 2013 - The National Indian Gaming Commission took steps today to clarify regulations pertaining to Minimum Internal Control Standards and Minimum Technical Standards for Class II Gaming Systems and Equipment. The clarifications, which were published today in the Federal Register, are part of an amendment to the Final Rule published Sept. 21, 2012.

"We want our regulations to be clear and helpful to tribal regulators," said NIGC Chairwoman Tracie Stevens. "It's important we work collaboratively with tribes to protect the integrity of the Indian gaming industry with well founded regulations."

In 25 CFR Part 543 <u>Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class II Gaming</u>, NIGC is amending the section on kiosks to add surveillance. In 25 CFR Part 547 <u>Minimum Technical Standards for Class II Gaming Systems and Equipment</u>, NIGC is reconciling the differences between Part 543 and 547 pertaining to compliance of small and charitable gaming establishments and income thresholds.

"We will re-engage with tribes to provide them the ability to review and contribute meaningful and substantive comments on the amendments," said Chairwoman Stevens.

The <u>National Indian Gaming Commission</u> is committed to the prompt and efficient regulation of the Indian gaming industry spanning more than 420 gaming establishments, associated with nearly 240 tribes across 28 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the <u>Indian Gaming Regulatory Act</u> ensures the integrity of the \$27 billion Indian gaming industry. Visit our website at <u>www.nigc.gov.</u>

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