

The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Tribal Gaming Commission
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June 16, 2015

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RE: Comments on the Class III 542 MICS

Dear Mr. Chaudhuri,

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Tribal Gaming Commission (TGC) appreciated the opportunity to provide comments in regards to Class III 542 MICS.

The CSKT TGC would like to state that we believe the Class III 542 Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) are only recommendations to the TGC's and we strongly recommend including that the documents are strictly "guidance documents" and are not to be considered as MICS.

The CSKT TGC would like to suggest that the NIGC leave "guidance documents" in 542 and remove the outdated language within the current 542 as not to confuse some with removing existing 542 completely and adding a section. Please keep in mind that some Tribes refer to 542 in their compacts and /or Ordinances.

Within the "guidance documents" there should be language stating that IF a Tribe would like assistance with creating their TICS in regards to Class III 542 that the NIGC is available to assist. That request would have to be made by the Tribe to NIGC directly in order to receive assistance.

The CSKT TGC would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide and submit our comments regarding 542 Class III.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francine Dupuis".

Francine Dupuis
Chair, CSKT TGC

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RE: Comments on the Buying Indian Goods

Dear Mr. Chaudhuri,

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Tribal Gaming Commission (TGC) appreciated the opportunity to provide comments in regards to Buying Indian Goods.

The CSKT TGC would like to state that we believe the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) is on the right path for supporting the Indian Tribes.

The CSKT TGC would like to suggest that the NIGC have a policy in place to determine who is an Indian business and is not a "front" in order to qualify as an Indian business. Most Tribes have an Indian Preference list of prequalified "Indian Businesses".

The CSKT TGC believes that this is a good step in the right direction and believes the NIGC should have been following this policy long ago.

The CSKT TGC would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide and submit our comments regarding Buying Indian Goods.

Regards,

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RE: Comments on the NEPA Guidelines draft

Dear Mr. Chaudhuri,

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Tribal Gaming Commission (TGC) appreciated the opportunity to provide comments for the proposed changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) manual.

The CSKT TGC believes that the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) is going in the right direction with this as the CSKT TGC does not believe that the NEPA standards should be engaged with managing contracts. By the time the Tribes are negotiating management contracts the NEPA issues should all be addressed prior to this point by the Tribes.

The CSKT TGC thank you for the opportunity to provide and submit our comments in favor of the direction the NIGC is going with the NEPA proposal.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francine Dupuis".

Francine Dupuis
Chair, CSKT TGC

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