From: Wayne Shadd

To: Doulou, Vannice C.

Subject: NEPA categorical exemption for management agreements

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## Dear Ms. Doulou:

I am Wayne Shadd, Sr. Vice President of Operations for Warner Hospitality – Spokane. Our company manages the Chewelah Casino for the Spokane Tribe of Indians of Washington under a NIGC-approved management agreement.

I support your proposed change regarding the application of categorical exclusions to management agreements. I do not view IGRA as requiring NEPA analysis for the review and approval of gaming management agreements. I believe that this categorical exemption would benefit Indian Tribes greatly, in that it would facilitate economic development, and help tribes avoid millions of dollars in expenses and years in delay in development of their gaming projects.

Thank you, Wayne Shadd

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