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## Subject: Requirement to Submit Facility Licenses

Sections 522.4(6) and 522.6(b) of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) regulations require Tribes to issue a separate license to each place, facility, or location on Indian lands where Class II or Class III gaming is played. This Bulletin is to advise that effective immediately, a copy of each facility license must be submitted to the NIGC. Such a submission will help insure that each Tribe's compliance status with respect to facility licenses is correctly shown on the NIGC'S Compliance Report.

Although NIGC regulations do not specify license requirements, it is recommended that the facility license include the name of the Tribe, the name and address of the facility, the type of gaming allowed (Class II and/or Class III) and the effective date. The license should bear the signature of the appropriate Tribal governmental official responsible for issuing the license. It is also recommended that the license contain the name and phone number of the Tribal governmental agency responsible for the regulation of the gaming operation. The facility license should be prominently displayed in the gaming operation so that it can be easily viewed by patrons.

Non-expiring or indefinite licenses are permitted. Please remember, however, that if the facility license is renewable, it is the Tribe's responsibility to submit the renewed license to the NIGC.

If you have any questions regarding the issuance of facility licenses, please contact either your Field Investigator or Ms. Linda S. Sumner at (202) 632-7003.