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NIGC Extends the Effective Date of Updated Regulations

Washington, DC August 25, 2009 — Today the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) extended the effective date of its updated final housekeeping regulations. The intent of the rule changes published in the Federal Register on July 27, 2009, are to reduce the fee reporting burdens on tribes, remove obsolete provisions, clarify existing appellate procedures, update and clarify management contract procedures, clarify various definitions, simplify audit requirements, and add gaming on ineligible lands to the class of substantial violations warranting immediate closure.

The rule's effective date was scheduled for August 26, 2009, but the Commission is extending that effective date to December 31, 2009, to aid the transition.

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