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## **Notice of Violation Issued Against the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota**

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 30, 2022 – Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) against the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota’s gaming operations, the Fort Randall Casino and the Yankton Sioux Travel Plaza, in South Dakota. The NOV resulted from a thorough investigation by the NIGC Rapid City Region Office that identified multiple violations of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), NIGC regulations and the Yankton Tribal Gaming Ordinance.

As set forth in the NOV, the Tribe failed to submit annual audited financial statements and agreed upon procedure reports for both gaming facilities for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. The Tribe also failed to submit the required closure notice of the Yankton Sioux Travel Plaza gaming facility.

“We do not take the issuance of notices of violation lightly. We are taking this enforcement action only after a complete analysis of the unique circumstances involved. The violations set forth in the Notice compromise the integrity of the Tribe’s gaming facilities and the gaming industry as a whole, impede the Tribe’s ability to make necessary decisions to administer its operations, and impact the NIGC’s ability to fully monitor the Tribe’s gaming operations.” Simermeyer said.

The Tribe could face civil penalty violations in the amount of \$57,527 for each violation per day of occurrence until corrected.

The full Notice of Violations is available at [https://www.nigc.gov/images/uploads/enforcement-actions/NOV-22-01\\_Complete.pdf](https://www.nigc.gov/images/uploads/enforcement-actions/NOV-22-01_Complete.pdf).

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