

December 5, 2005

Rod Lester  
Executive Director  
Blue Lake Gaming Commission

Dear Mr. Lester,

It was a pleasure visiting with the Blue Lake Rancheria and the Blue Lake Gaming Commission (BLGC) on Thursday November 17, 2005. I was thankful for the opportunity to meet with you and the BLGC staff.

The purpose of my visit was to conduct a routine site visit. During the visit I reviewed the operations of the BLGC Surveillance Department in the Blue Lake Casino (BLC). I also conducted a review of the BLGC Internal Audit function in the facility. Finally, I reviewed a sample of the BLGC background investigation and licensing files. The focus of these reviews was to assess the level of compliance with the applicable NIGC Regulations (25 CFR § 500 to 599) in the BLC.

...I was impressed with the quality of the surveillance coverage provided in the facility as well as the overall effort of the BLGC Surveillance Department.

...[I]t was clear to me that at the time of this visit and for the period reviewed, the BLGC had implemented a thorough Internal Audit process in the BLC....

...My review of the BLGC licensing process consisted of a review of approximately ten (10) of the licensing files that were most recently completed by the BLGC Licensing Department....the BLGC appeared to be fully compliant with and to exceed the NIGC licensing regulations (25 CFR § 556 & 558). The files were scrupulously maintained. Further, the detail of each investigation was thoroughly documented.

Overall, I was very impressed with diligent regulatory effort I witnessed while visiting with the BLGC.

Further, I would like to thank you and the BLGC for the professionalism and able assistance provided by each member of the BLGC and BLC staff I had cause to interact with during the visit. It is evident to me that the BLGC takes its responsibility as the primary regulator of gaming conducted within the jurisdiction of the Blue Lake Rancheria very seriously.

...The NIGC Region II office looks forward to the next opportunity to visit with the Blue lake Rancheria and the BLGC.

Respectfully,

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