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Memorandum

To: Eastern Area Director

From: Ada E. Deer /S/ Ada E. Deer
Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

Subject: Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Fee-To-Trust Acquisition

This Office has completed its review of the above referenced fee-to-trust acquisition request and supporting documents. The property to be acquired consists of 21.054 acres of land and will be used for the location of a gaming facility.

The supporting documents and analysis provided by your office have been reviewed and found to be sufficient to meet the requirements of 25 CFR 151; particularly 25 CFR 151.10. The documents also indicate compliance with 602 DM 2.3, Hazardous Substances Determinations, the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and applicable environmental requirements relative to cultural resources, water and land resources, air quality and wildlife and endangered species.

You are therefore authorized to accept the title of the property to the United States of America in trust for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana. This authorization is subject, however, to full compliance with 25 CFR 151.12 and the receipt of the Final Title Opinion from the Southeast Regional Office of the Solicitor, prior to the execution of your approval of the trust conveyance document.

You are instructed to include in your written approval statement the following language:

The 21.054 acre parcel taken into trust by this conveyance consists of the 19.904 acres described in Exhibit A to the Tribal-State Compact for the Conduct of Class III Gaming Between the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana (Compact), approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 10, 1992, as "gaming lands" and an immediately adjacent 1.15 acres. Because the additional 1.15 acres is not covered by the Compact, no Class III gaming may take place on that 1.15 acres unless the Compact is amended. The Tribe has acknowledged this limitation on the use of the 1.15 acre addition in Tribal Council Resolution 22-93, dated November 9, 1993.

When the conveyance document is approved, please provide this office with copies of the document and the final title opinion.