



Environmental, Public Health and Safety (EPHS) Site Visit Survey

Facility Name: _____

Tribe: _____

Tribal Contact Person for EPHS Issues: _____
(attach sign-in sheet to identify other personnel who were present at the site visit or provided answers to EPHS questions)

NIGC Personnel: _____

Date of Site Visit: _____

This survey will be used by the NIGC during Environmental, Public Health and Safety (EPHS) site visits to Indian gaming facilities. Following an EPHS site visit, the NIGC will document any findings and concerns, and prepare recommendations. The findings, concerns and recommendations will be communicated to the tribal gaming commission. The primary intent of this process is to maintain or improve the environmental, public health and safety conditions at Indian gaming facilities. For additional information regarding the EPHS site visit survey and its use, refer to the NIGC guidance document entitled "Environmental, Public Health and Safety Program."

The NIGC also encourages tribes to use of this survey to periodically review the EPHS conditions at their gaming facilities.



Safety				
Fire Safety		Yes	No	Comments
1	Does the facility have an agreement with a service provider for fire fighting services or is it provided by a tribal fire department (specify who provides the service)?			<i>If time permits, contact the service provider to ensure they have the resources to adequately respond to a fire at the facility.</i>
2	Is there a cleared fire zone (area free of vegetation that could bring brush or wild fire in contact with the gaming facility)?			
3	Does the facility have fire lanes that are clearly marked and are they clear of obstacles?			
4	Are all fire hydrants clearly marked and free from obstructions? Is there documentation of flow test for all hydrants?			
5	Does the facility have an appropriate number of emergency exits?			Guidance: Not less than: 2 exits- occupancy less than 500, 3 exits – occupancy 500-1000, 4 exits- occupancy more than 1000
6	Are all facility exits clearly marked and unobstructed?			
7	Are all emergency exit doors clearly marked with signs that state: “THIS DOOR MUST REMAIN UNLOCKED WHEN BUILDING IS OCCUPIED” or words to that effect?			



<i>Fire Safety</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
8	Can emergency exit doors be operated from the inside without the use of a key or other device?			
9	Are electrical panels accessible and unobstructed? If not, identify which one(s).			
10	Are emergency lights powered and operational?			
11	Are routes of egress from the facility illuminated?			
12	Is there a backup power source (battery or emergency generator) for emergency lighting for egress routes?			
13	Are the Exit signs properly illuminated during normal operations?			
14	Do the exit signs have a backup power source?			
15	Does the facility have a fire alarm system? If yes, what is date of its last inspection? Identify who is notified when the alarm is triggered.			Guidance: Visual Inspections of all components every 6 months. System Testing annually.
16	Is the alarm system integrated with smoke or heat detectors?			
17	Are emergency evacuation routes posted and written plans available?			
18	Is there documentation of fire drills and other emergency evacuation training?			



<i>Fire Safety</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
19	Are occupancy limit signs posted?			Guidance: 10 sq/ft/person in gaming area 100 sq/ft/person in back of house and office areas
20	Are the fire extinguishers readily available and access unobstructed?			
21	Are fire extinguishers visible from all areas of the facility?			
22	Are the fire extinguishers the appropriate type, serviced and tagged appropriately?			
23	Does the facility have a sprinkler system? If yes, what is date of its last inspection?			
24	Are all vent hoods free from grease build-up?			
25	Is combustible trash removed from facility at least once a day?			
26	Are oil rags or other combustibles stored in appropriate containers?			
27	Are boilers, mechanical and electrical panel rooms free of combustible materials?			
28	Is there appropriate venting for gas appliances?			



<i>Fire Safety</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
29	Are compressed gas containers (e.g.- CO ₂ or helium) chained to prevent falling?			
30	Are flammable or combustible liquids stored in appropriate storage containers?			
31	Do Liquid Petroleum or Natural Gas tanks appear to be placed an appropriate distance from the facility (e.g. a reasonable distance from the facility)?			
<i>Public Safety</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	Does the facility have an agreement with a service provider for law enforcement services? (Identify law enforcement agency)			<i>If time permits, contact service provider to ensure they have the resources to adequately respond to law enforcement/ security issues at the facility.</i>
2	Does the facility have the appropriate phone numbers for the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the facility?			
3	Does the facility have a security staff capable of handling situations until law enforcement personnel arrive?			
4	Does the facility have an emergency plan for natural and man-made disasters?			
5	Are employees familiar with and trained on the emergency plan for natural and man-made disasters?			



<i>Construction and Maintenance</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	Was the facility originally constructed in accordance with specific building, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical codes? If yes, identify codes applied to the construction of the facility.			
2	Is there a facility maintenance and inspection plan?			
3	Is the facility free of holes in the walls or missing ceiling tiles?			
4	Is the facility free of other obvious structural damage?			
5	Are areas in the facility where construction is taking place properly identified and is there a system in place to keep the public out?			
Public Health				
<i>Sanitation</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	Does the facility have a biohazard disposal program?			
2	Are the appropriate employees (security, maintenance, housekeeping and first aid/ CPR personnel, trained in biohazard response?			
3	Is solid waste collected on a regular basis?			
4	Is there a recycling program in place?			



Sanitation		Yes	No	Comments
5	Are there any other pollution prevention programs in place?			
6	Does the facility have a plan to deal with communicable disease (hepatitis, measles, pandemic flu, hanta virus, etc) outbreaks?			
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)		Yes	No	Comments
1	Are there personnel on staff with first aid/ CPR or EMS training (Red Cross equivalent or higher)?			
2	Does the facility have a First Aid kit(s) and AED(s) readily available to personnel that are first aid/CPR/AED trained?			
3	Are emergency medical service phone numbers posted and available for use in cases of emergencies?			
4	Does the facility have an agreement with a service provider for EMS services or is it provided by a tribal fire department or ambulance service (specify who provides the service)?			<i>If time permits, contact the service provider to ensure they have the resources to adequately respond to medical emergencies at the facility.</i>
Food and Potable Water Safety		Yes	No	Comments
1	Is potable water supplied to the facility from an on-site source (identify well or water treatment plant)? (If not, it is usually provided by a local water authority.)			



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2	If so, are there records of water testing and/or periodic reports to EPA or State?			
3	Does the facility keep a record of complaints made about the drinking water in the facility?			
4	Does the facility have a plan to address water quality complaints?			
5	Is there a system or procedures in place to ensure the facility is notified if water quality does not meet appropriate standards? (Applies to water provided from on-site and municipal sources)			
6	Are employees responsible for handling food trained in food handling and appropriate hygiene practices? If so, is documentation available?			
7	Is there an inspection and testing program for food safety?			
Environmental				
<i>Hazardous Materials</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	Does the facility use or store hazardous materials (paints, solvents, pesticides, cleaning solutions, bleach, lead-acid batteries, diesel fuel, etc)?			



<i>Hazardous Materials</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
2	Are the storage areas clean and orderly, with containers in good condition?			
3	Does the facility have a written Safety and Health program, that contains at a minimum an Organizational Structure, Training Program, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), for personnel whose job requires them to handle hazardous materials or waste?			
4	Are similar materials being stored together and different classes of material segregated (ignitability; corrosivity; reactivity; toxicity)? See "Incompatibility Chart."			
5	Are Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all materials current and accessible to facility staff?			
6	Are personnel responsible for handling hazardous materials/waste trained? Request an example copy of training documentation.			
<i>Hazardous Waste</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	Does the facility produce or generate hazardous waste (spent/used solvents, waste fuel, waste paint, used oil, vehicle batteries)?			
2	If the answer to #1 is 'yes' then ask if the facility has an EPA ID #?			EPA ID #



<i>Hazardous Waste</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
3	Is/are there area(s) designated and marked as a hazardous waste storage areas? Different from hazardous materials storage areas.			
4	Are hazardous waste storage containers labeled "Hazardous Waste" or otherwise labeled with their contents?			
5	Is there evidence that hazardous waste is transported to a hazardous waste facility via a licensed hazardous waste transporter?			
6	Does the facility have documentation showing the disposition of hazardous waste?			
<i>Waste Water</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	How is waste-water treated (on-site treatment plant, on-site septic tank and or lagoon, discharged to local sewer system, etc.)?			
2	Is there a permit/regulation/procedure for how waste-water is discharged or otherwise disposed of?			
3	For an on-site treatment plant, is there documentation that the waste water treatment plant operators are trained (if treated on-site)?			
4	For on-site septic tanks or lagoons, is there documentation or evidence of good maintenance practices?			



<i>Above Ground and Underground Storage Tanks</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	Does the facility have any underground or above ground storage tanks for petroleum products? If so, identify if they are above or below ground and the capacity of the tank(s).			
2	Are above ground tank(s) in good condition with no evidence of leaks or corrosion?			
3	Is there documentation of maintenance of underground or above ground storage tanks?			
<i>Air</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	Does the facility have any generators, boilers, etc.?			
2	Is there evidence of open burning near the facility?			
3	Is the facility free of any unusual and detectable odors (sewage, chemical, burning odors, etc)?			
4	Is the facility free of excess tobacco smoke (Excess smoke means enough smoke to give one the impression that the ventilation system is not working properly.)?			



<i>Air</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
5	Is the facility temperature and humidity comfortable (if temp or humidity is uncomfortable, the HVAC system may not be working properly)?			
6	Is the facility free of visible water damage and other signs of mold (mildew smell or actual mold growth on walls or carpet)?			
7	Does the facility record complaints about the air quality in the facility?			
8	Does the facility have a plan to address air quality complaints?			

Minor Issues include:

- *“Opportunities for Improvement”*- Observations and recommendations that do not constitute violations of any code or deviation from relevant industry standards, but are worth recommending for improvement in handling environmental, public health and safety matters.
- *“Secondary Concerns”*- situations where a known condition or practice violates applicable code or deviates from relevant industry standards, but where the condition or practice is unlikely to cause serious injury or damage to the environment, public health, or safety.”
- *“Missing Information”*- may be easily resolved by obtaining existing information.

Major Issues include:

- *“Missing Information”*- issues that could be “Serious Problems,” but where not enough information is available to make such a determination. Issues will be paired with recommendations to conduct additional testing, obtain additional documentation, or take whatever action is necessary to determine whether the issue is a “Serious Problem.”
- *“Serious Problems”*- situations where a known condition or practice violates applicable code or deviates from a relevant industry standard, and where such condition or practice, alone or in combination with other known factors, poses a substantial risk of causing serious injury or damage to the environment, public health, or safety.
- Unresolved issues identified in a previous EPHS site visit.