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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Interpretation Letter 2007-1

October 16, 2007

Dear Ms. Bell:

You represent the Department which is a function of the Tribal government of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and located on Tribal and trust land. You have inquired about the taxability of septage received by the Department for treatment. It is my understanding that "septage" refers to partially treated waste stored in a septic tank and generally consists of all the household wastes that are disposed of through a homes plumbing system that do not drain out into the soil or are converted to gases by the special bacteria in the septic tank. Septage waste can be used by farmers for fertilizer, or stored in large septage waste storage facilities for later treatment or use on crops.

The Tax Department has determined that the Department provides a service to others in the operation of its septage treatment business. The Tribal Tax Ordinance (#05-100-08) does not currently impose a tax on this service.

Please be aware that the sale of treated septage would represent a sale at retail subject to retail sales tax under Article VI of the Tribal Tax Ordinance. If your septage business were to sell treated septage, you would be required to register for Tribal Tax by filing form ACC811a with the Tax Department.

Sincerely,

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