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Subject: Re: Revised Final MDL for Audit: "Walker River Paiute Tribe Needs to Improve Its Internal Controls to Comply with Federal Regulations", Report N. 15-2-0165

Good Afternoon,

I have not been successful with reaching EPA in regards to what I hope will be discussions to follow up Chairman Sanchez's request of me. It is very important for us to have the best clear understanding to deal with the Final Management Decision Letter we received on April 12, 2016.

Yesterday, April 13, 2016, I had discovered through discussion with Kathy Frazier, Walker River Finance Director my directive from Chairman Sanchez to respond, needed further documentation and conversation between parties. We were not aware of the conversation between Ms. Frazier and EPA of 04/06/2016. We learned EPA had contacted Tad Williams.

What I need to convey to all is the fact that in this process I have some concerns about what is expected of Walker River Paiute Tribe. I did not know EPA contacted Tad Williams, previous Environmental Director.

EPA identified Walker River two staff with the IGAUDIT Roy Begay and Gina Wachsmuth, but failed to identify Tad Williams, previous employee who is the responsible party for Recommendation 2: Recover the unsupported amount of $103,432 for noncompliant timekeeping practices, unless the Walker River Paiute Tribe can provide adequate supporting documents. (This is noted since EPA has had conversations with Mr. Williams)
EPA Response: The Tribe submitted documentation but the documentation was not sufficient to support the questioned costs of $103,432. As a result, the Tribe must submit $103,432 to EPA.

For us going forward, this causes concern, jeopardizes our funding and has increased burdens for our responsibilities to the GAP Grant, knowing how much work has been completed for past deliverables.

We are hopeful you will be contacting us for further clarification. We appreciate your continued support.

Best Regards,

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On Tue, Apr 12, 2016 at 4:13 PM, Mak, Magdalen <Mak.Magdalen@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached is the revised Final Management Decision Letter (MDL) for the subject audit signed by Cheryl Filart, Grant Management Specialist acting for Craig Wills, Grant Management Officer, Environmental Management Division, Region 9.

This Revised Final MDL which includes payment instructions and outlines appeal procedures replaces the March 22, 2015 letter (also attached).

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