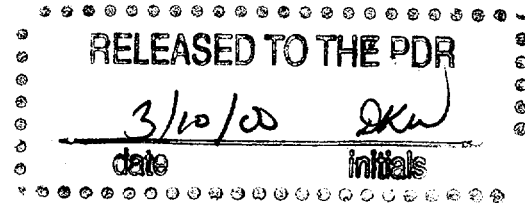




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COMMISSIONER

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MEMORANDUM TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: Nils J. Diaz *[Handwritten Signature]*

SUBJECT: COMJSM-00-0001 - COMMISSION INTERACTION WITH TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

I approve Commissioner Merrifields' recommendation to add "Tribal" to the name of the Office of State Programs. I agree that there has been increased Tribal interest in multiple areas of NRC responsibility. In this regard, I believe that interest by local governments has also increased and suggest that we also add them to the title, thus creating the "Office of State, Tribal, and Local Governments Programs". The staff should assure the Commission that the costs of this change are only the "routine administrative costs associated with changing the name of an office," as Commissioner Merrifield states.

- cc: Chairman Meserve
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