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>>> Gloria Conti 7/16/2007 10:12 AM >>>
Carol:
Sounds like you might want to direct this one.

>>> "George Caamano" <george@remedyenvironmental.com> 07/16/07 8:05 AM >>>
I have a few questions about facilities operating on Indian land and receiving non-rcra waste for treatment without STD permit. I understand there has to be a cooperative agreement signed between the state and the tribe, but at least one facility, Western Environmental, is operating on the Cabazon site in Indio without having signed a cooperative agreement. I have left messages for Ramon Perez, attorney for DTSC, but he has not returned my calls. Can I have a meeting/ conversation with you as to legal status of

such an operation?

My direct question is: Since Western Environmental has been receiving manifested hazardous waste (non-RCRA) for several years, and they nor the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians (CBMI) has signed a cooperative agreement as required by California law, I can only assume that the law was not enforceable and thus the facility is operating within legal grounds. Is this correct?

I really appreciate your response.

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Leonard,
I have been trying for some time to get an official response from the State to determine if California Indian Tribes can operate non-RCRA TSDF on their land without DTSC authorization or cooperative agreement. Western Environmental, Inc. has been accepting manifested waste with nothing more than a Cabazon Tribe permit for more than two years. The DTSC is aware of this, but continues to allow the operation. The Deperatment, to the best of our knowedge, has not sought an injunction, or has issued violations to the Tribe, the operator, the transporters or the generators. this is ok with industry, but we need to know if this legal.
Ramon Perez, council for DTSC headquartered out of San Diego, has been lead on this for years, but is unable to respond. I need to meet with you regrading this as soon as you are available. Please contact me by mobile at 714-240-1898.
Thanks,

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