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January 26, 2001

DENNIS STEWART
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550 KEARNY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94108

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Nevada is requesting an extension of Food Stamp Waiver #970185, which waives food stamp limits on receipt of benefits for able-bodied adults who reside on the Duckwater Reservation, Moapa Reservation, Pyramid Lake Reservation, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and the Carson Colony.

In 1999, the Carson Colony exceeded an unemployment rate of 10% and was included in waiver #970184. In 2000, the Colony's unemployment rate failed to exceed 10%, but did meet a combined 1999 and 2000 unemployment rate more than 20% above the national average of 4% over the last two years. We are requesting you to remove the Carson Colony from waiver #970184 and include it in waiver #970185, with the four other tribal groups identified above.

The attached waiver request is substantiated by the Nevada Employment Security Division and Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation information for 2000, indicating unemployment rates for the requested reservations and colony. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), through its Western Nevada Agency, awaits receipt of the approved 1998 labor force reports from the BIA, Central Office, in Washington, D.C. In lieu of a 1998 BIA acknowledged labor force report, a copy of the 1997 Labor Force Report is included.

Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated. If you require additional information, please contact Lynette Grundy, Chief, Eligibility and Payments, at (775) 687-4386.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Willden".

Michael J. Willden
Administrator

Attachments

A: FFSWaiverNo970185 1.01

WAIVER REQUEST FROM ABLE-BODIED WORK REQUIREMENT

Waiver #970185

January 26, 2001

State:

Nevada State Welfare Division
2527 N Carson Street
Carson City NV 89710

Contact: Lynette Grundy
Telephone: (775) 687-4386

Areas Covered by Request:

Carson Colony
Duckwater Reservation
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Moapa Reservation
Pyramid Lake Reservation

Category:

High unemployment rate and insufficient jobs.

Duration of Waiver:

One Year

Basis for Request:

The unemployment rate in these reservation and colony areas has been more than twenty per cent (20%) above the national average of 4%. Please reference the attached unemployment data supplied by the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs prepared Labor Force Status Report for Nevada Indian Tribes.