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ALERT: OIL CLEANUP JOBS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS APPEAR A SCAM

The Yakama Nation cautions all Tribal Members that the oil clean-up jobs apparently offered by recruiters at headquarters on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, were not endorsed by the Tribe or the local BIA, and appear to be a scam targeting the vulnerable and impoverished Yakama community.

Tribal Members were apparently offered lucrative jobs to help clean up the oil spill in the Gulf Coast, causing many Yakama Members to eagerly offer up their personal information and even quit their jobs. The recruiters promised bus transportation to Louisiana and Florida, lodging and wages of \$40 per hour.

To date, the Yakama Nation and local authorities, including the Better Business Bureau in Eastern Washington, have not been able to identify whether the oil jobs are legitimately tied to British Petroleum (BP). They also haven't been able to track down the main individual, a Christino Rosado or Rosazo, or the company, Season Fruit, Go Fish, or Tri-Tech Corporation.

"First and foremost, I want to caution all Yakamas from signing up and giving personal information for these so-called jobs without first identifying the credentials for anyone holding themselves out as having a relationship with BP," said Chairman Harry Smiskin.

"Second, the Yakama Nation does not believe there are legitimate oil clean-up jobs waiting for our people. There are too many red flags without any real answers for our people to trust this situation. If it's too good to be true, it probably is, and that's why we are alerting our Tribal Members."

The Yakama Nation government will continue to work with local law enforcement and other agencies to determine whether the oil cleanup jobs are a scam or legitimate opportunities. The Yakama Nation also encourages Tribal Members to avoid the disclosure of personal information that could be inappropriately used to steal money or commit identity theft.

The BBB and the Washington Attorney General's Office encourage anyone who provided personal information to the recruiters to take the following precautions:

- Check bank and credit statements for unauthorized charges.
- Consider placing a free fraud alert on your credit history, which can alert you to attempts to open new accounts. Call the toll-free number at any of the three major bureaus:
 - Equifax: 1-800-685-1111
 - Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (888-397-3742)



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- TransUnion: 1-800-916-8800
- For stronger protection, consider placing a security freeze on your credit files, which may prevent identity theft by preventing the credit bureaus from sharing your information with potential creditors. Information on obtaining a credit freeze is available on the Attorney General's Web site at www.atg.wa.gov/freeze.aspx.
- Review your credit history. When you request a fraud alert, you may also request a free copy of your credit file. Review it for accuracy.

For any new information related to the oil clean up jobs, please contact the Yakama Nation Tribal Police.