

July 31, 2019

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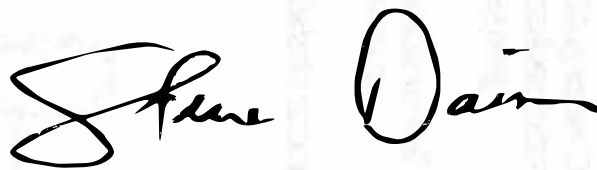
Dear Nathan:

In response to my inquiry on your behalf, I have received the enclosed letter from Mr. Bryce Redgrave, Acting Area Director, Billings Area, Indian Health Service (IHS). Mr. Redgrave states the IHS counsel conferred with counsel for the Northern Cheyenne Utility Commission (NCUC) on July 11, 2019 and was advised that settlement discussions between NCUC and ADAMAS Construction & Development Services, PLLC are ongoing.

I believe you will find the reply to be self-explanatory. After you have had a chance to read the letter, please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Daines". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and last name "Daines" clearly distinguishable.

Steve Daines
United States Senator

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Enclosure



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The Honorable Steve Daines
United States Senator
13 South Willson Avenue, Suite 8
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Dear Senator Daines:

I received your inquiry on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Nathan Pierce. Mr. Pierce is the owner and General Manager of ADAMAS Construction & Development Services, PLLC. His concern relates to a compensation dispute for work performed by ADAMAS on a sewage lagoon renovation project at Lame Deer, Montana, on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) entered into a project agreement with the Northern Cheyenne Utility Commission (NCUC) to complete the lagoon renovation project. The project agreement was executed by the IHS and NCUC with an effective date of May 11, 2018. NCUC then entered into a separate contract with ADAMAS on May 15, 2018 to perform much of the required work. It is important to note that there is not a contract between the IHS and ADAMAS. The IHS project agreement is solely with NCUC.

During performance of this work, a dispute arose regarding the amount of sludge that ADAMAS had pumped from the lagoon. It is the position of the IHS that the compensation dispute regarding the amount of sludge that was pumped, transported, and applied, is a dispute to be resolved between ADAMAS and NCUC. IHS has no authority to pay ADAMAS directly.

The IHS counsel conferred with counsel for NCUC on July 11, 2019 and was advised that settlement discussions between NCUC and ADAMAS are ongoing.

I trust this information is helpful and appreciate your continued interest in the health and well-being of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Sincerely,

Bryce Redgrave, B.S., M.B.A.
Acting Area Director