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SUBJECT: Summary - Rajneesh Puram Water Supply Plans

This is a brief summary of the events concerning the development of plans for a water system for the Rajneesh Puram. Initial information received by the Health Division indicated that existing wells would be used as a water supply for existing buildings and no community system would be involved. Under this circumstance, Health Division regulation would not be involved. Later, engineering plans were submitted for a community system with a capacity to serve 1800 permanent residents, but initially built as a temporary system for a 1982 summer festival involving up to 5000 persons. Later communication indicated the system would only be used after the festival as a fire system and not a drinking water supply.

The Health Division returned the plan review fee required for permanent community system plan review and indicated that the system, as proposed, was acceptable for a temporary, short-term, mass gathering, but this was not to be construed as approval for a permanent community water system for the commune.

Concurrently, the Health Division has been developing a Rule in compliance with ORS 197.180 to insure that proposed permanent water supply construction plans are in compliance with statewide planning goals and compatible with acknowledged comprehensive plans and land use regulations.

The engineers for Rajneesh Puram have indicated that they still desire to have official approval of the system as a permanent community supply. Accordingly, the Health Division has informed the commune that the new Rule requiring certification of compatibility with land use goals would be applied in this matter. Forms for the certification are now being prepared. In the meantime, the plans have been reviewed for adequacy, as provided in the Rule. This week the applicant will receive the certification form along with a request for the plan review fee.

A copy of the certification rule and a chronology of events are attached.

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