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ATTENTION: Robert E. Stacey, Jr.

Re: Application of Rajneesh Neo-Sannyas International Commune
for Health Division Approval of Community Water System

Dear Mr. Stacey:

Thank you for your letter of April 16, 1982. Your comments regarding Health Division responsibilities under ORS 197.180, and more particularly the public water system plan review process, prompted a review of our present program. I discovered, as you pointed out, that the Division had overlooked implementing procedures in order to assure compliance with statewide goals or acknowledged comprehensive plans. These procedures will be in place shortly and will, it is anticipated, take the form suggested in OAR 660-31-020.

With respect to the specific project addressed by your letter, there are, as you related, two separate matters for consideration relative to the proposed water system. The first of these deals with the question whether the proposed water supply would satisfy the requirements for issuance by the county of a permit for the conduct of an outdoor mass gathering pursuant to ORS 433.735 to 433.770. The Health Division acts as an advisory to the county as to whether the mass gathering rules would be complied with under the proposal. The Division has advised the affected counties that the proposed system would satisfy the pertinent rules (OAR 333-39-015). The ultimate determination about the gathering is, however, that of the counties.

The second question before the Division on the proposed water system is the application for the approval of plans for a projected public

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water system under ORS 448.131. Since such an approval would constitute action by the Division affecting land use, the procedures referred to above to assure plan-goal compliance will be applied.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Administrator, Health Division

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cc John Stoner