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TO: Area OEHE Directors

FROM: Director
Office of Environmental Health and Engineering

SUBJECT: Revised and updated "Environmental Review Manual for Indian Health Service Programs"

This "Environmental Review Manual for Indian Health Service Programs, January 2007" is the environmental review procedure of the Indian Health Service (IHS) and supports the environmental management policy of the IHS. It is the policy of the IHS to ensure that its programs manage their activities in an environmentally sound manner that supports its mission and ensures compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

This Manual is to be used by all IHS programs to assist them in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act and related environmental and historic preservation laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and other requirements. A significant effort was put into descriptions of the requirements and processes for compliance.

We thank those individuals who participated in this effort. A wide range of participants from IHS Areas and Headquarters, who are involved in the environmental review process, contributed to the publication this Manual.

This "Environmental Review Manual for Indian Health Service Programs, January 2007," supersedes the previous IHS versions including the "Environmental Review Manual, March 1993" and the "Environmental Review Manual, March 1993 2nd Edition, January 2000".

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