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The Facilities Engineering Branch (FEB) is located in the Division of Facilities and Environmental Engineering (DFEE), Office of Public Health (OPH) in Indian Health Service (IHS) Headquarters. This branch is responsible for the technical and administrative facilities engineering operations support of existing IHS and tribal health care facilities and personnel quarters throughout Indian country.

70-1.2 MISSION

The mission of the Facilities Engineering Branch is to develop, implement, manage, and evaluate the IHS health care facilities engineering program; provide agency-wide technical and management assistance/support for IHS health care facilities engineering activities, including routine operation, preventive and corrective maintenance and repair and improvement of physical plants, resource utilization, and long/short range work planning; review and evaluate health care facility maintenance and improvement needs, prioritize those needs, develop and justify the annual IHS maintenance and improvement budget requests, and develop approaches to address special problems; develop appropriate resource allocation methodologies, project clearance protocols, and monitor implementation of maintenance and improvement projects to ensure that IHS resources are used effectively and efficiently; develop, implement, and evaluate program objectives, policies, plans, guidelines, technical handbooks, and standardizes reporting systems for health care facilities engineering program activities; review Area facilities engineering program plans to conform to IHS guidelines on expenditure of maintenance and improvement and facilities support funds; coordinate special emphasis programs; consult with tribal organizations in the development and implementation of tribal health care facilities maintenance and improvement programs; and represent IHS interests in facilities engineering with the Engineering Services in Dallas, Texas, and in Seattle, Washington, other Federal, state, and local agencies, professional organizations and interested groups.