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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Alcohol & Substance Abuse National Consultation will be held August 27-28 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2001 provided a \$15 million funding increase for Alaska Tribes and a \$15 million funding increase (\$14.967 million after subtracting the congressionally directed rescission) for the IHS for drug and alcohol prevention and treatment services for non-Alaska Tribes. The purpose of the National Consultation is to seek an exchange of views on alcohol and substance abuse activities for the next 5 years and develop a distribution formula for these new funds to be applied in fiscal year 2003 on a recurring basis.

The IHS Alcohol and Substance Abuse Workgroup is assisting in the plans for the National Consultation and is preparing recommendations for a 5-year strategic plan and fund-distribution formula. The Workgroup consists of Tribal and Urban Indian representatives and is co-chaired by Ms. H. Sally Smith, Alaska Area representative, and Mr. Frank Canizales, IHS. The Workgroup has met three times and will meet again before the National Consultation.

The Workgroup will send you a draft 5-year strategic plan and fund-distribution formula for your review before the National Consultation. In addition, you will receive a briefing book at the National Consultation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Canizales on (301) 443-2038.

Sincerely yours,

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