

Table 1: Key Updated SDS Guide Elements

Element	Scope of update	Reason(s) for update
Project Planning “Ready to Fund”	Describes the requirements for well-planned projects and identifies program staff responsibilities for reaching this objective.	Promote efficient utilization of project funding and ensure projects are constructed in a reasonable timeframe within budget and with minimal delays.
Home Inventory Tracking System	Describes the advances made identifying Tribal homes with sanitation deficiencies and incorporates requirements to have geo-referenced homes associated with all projects.	Improves project planning, transparency and reporting accuracy.
Documentation	Strengthens project documentation requirements for substantiating deficiencies, project cost estimates and demonstrating Tribal input.	Establishes clear data quality expectations, ensures a consistent program-wide approach, and increases the credibility of reported data.
Cost Reporting	Clarifies eligible and engineering project cost reporting requirements.	Ensure project funds are maximized for use in constructing sanitation facilities that serve Tribal homes.
Deficiency Levels	Streamlines and clarifies deficiency level guidance, removes references to future or anticipated deficiencies.	Ensures SDS projects address existing sanitation facility needs and the project deficiency level guidance adheres to the statutory requirements of the IHCIA at 25 U.S.C 1632(g)(4)
Scoring Factors	Enhances guidance on project scoring factors including: health impact, operation and maintenance capability, and capital cost.	Improves the basis for project scoring assignments, utilizing more objective criteria and relevant data.
Solid Waste	Clarifies the reporting requirements for solid waste projects, describes the criteria for open dump reporting, and strengthens planning requirements for ready to fund solid waste projects.	Provide consistent, clear and quantifiable guidance for open dump identification and reporting, and ensure that solid waste projects are supported by sustainable solid waste management practices.