“... as always, we are appreciative of the valuable service you provide in your assessing our facility. We benefit greatly from the findings and feedback (and suggestions) you provide, and will continue to address the lists you have provided. ... As always we enjoy your visit, and look forward to seeing you next year, (and hopefully before).”
—IHS Nashville Area Customer

“You have been an inspiration of kindness and service, contributing your time to help serve and protect the health of not only the people but also the environment.”
—IHS Navajo Area Customer

“Thanks so much for bringing your positive energy to the Youth Environmental Summit! Your help with everything...was amazing!... I look forward to continuing to work with you on other projects...”
—ANTHC/Alaska Area Customer

“I wanted to thank you for a job well done during your food sanitation presentation here...You were able to make the time pass easily without the normal monotony of “reading” from the slide presentation.”
—IHS Albuquerque Area Customer

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The DEHS Mission:
“Through shared decision making and sound public health measures, enhance the health and quality of life of all American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level by eliminating environmentally related disease and injury.”

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Indian Health Service (IHS)
is the principal federal health care provider and
health advocate for Indian people, and its goal
is to raise health status to the highest possible
level. The IHS provides a comprehensive health
service delivery system for approximately 2.6
million American Indians and Alaska Natives
who belong to 573 federally recognized tribes
in 37 states. More indepth information can be
found at www.ihs.gov.

Environmental Health Services (EHS)
American Indians and Alaska Natives face
environmental hazards that affect health status.

The EHS Program works with tribal
communities to prevent disease and injury by:

- monitoring and investigating
disease and injury;
- identifying health hazards
in the environment; and
- providing training, technical
assistance, and project funding.

The EHS Program includes the specialty
areas of Injury Prevention (IP) and
Institutional Environmental Health (IEH).

IEH specialists work to protect
occupants from chemical, biological,
radiological, and ergonomic hazards.
Three priorities of this program are:

- going back-to-basics IEH;
- updating IEH radiation
protection program roles,
policy, and practices; and
- keeping radiation exposures
As Low As Reasonably
Achievable (ALARA).

IP specialists work with tribes and
other partners to prevent severe injuries
and fatalities. Two priorities of this
program are to prevent:

- unintentional falls and;
- motor vehicle-related
injury and death.

Through shared decision making and
sound public health measures, the IHS
EHS Program strives to enhance the
health and quality of life for American
Indians and Alaska Natives in the
following priority areas:

- **Children’s Environment:** Prevent
illness and injury by reducing risk
factors where children live, learn,
and play.

- **Safe Drinking Water:** Prevent
waterborne illness and ensure safe
drinking water supplies.

- **Food Safety:** Prevent foodborne illness
and promote food safety and security.

- **Vectorborne and Communicable Diseases:** Prevent
diseases transmitted by insects, animals, humans, and the
environment.

- **Healthy Homes:** Prevent diseases and
injuries in homes caused by unhealthy
living conditions.