



August 11, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to announce an additional Tribal Consultation session and provide you with a summary document of key items related to the updated DRAFT Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Consultation Policy (Consultation Policy). We apologize for not having this document attached to our previous communication dated July 26, 2023.

The Enclosure identifies key issues discussed by the IHS Director's Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation (Consultation Workgroup) to address and negotiate a mutual agreed upon outcome. I trust this overview and summary will help identify areas where the Consultation Workgroup worked diligently to address Tribal feedback.

In addition, we are convening an additional Tribal Consultation session. This will allow you to review the summary and ask any questions that you may have on the key items put forward by the Consultation Workgroup.

Please make plans to join us for a virtual Tribal Consultation session to share your input on the updated Consultation Policy on **Wednesday, August 30, 2023**. Session details follow:

DATE: Wednesday, August 30, 2023

TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET

ZOOM: Meeting ID: 160 151 3719

Passcode: 669197

<https://ihs.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItduyprTwrE8ZQKYuicXXiczQfcW2188w>

WRITTEN COMMENTS and RECOMMENDATIONS: Please send your written comments and recommendations on the Consultation Policy by **Monday, September 11, 2023**. You can e-mail your comments to: consultation@ihs.gov. Please add **IHS TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY** to the subject line.

If you have questions, please directly contact Ms. Anna Johnson, Program Analyst, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, IHS, by e-mail at anna.johnson2@ihs.gov.

Sincerely yours,
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Enclosure: Indian Health Service (IHS) Director's Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation Policy (Consultation Workgroup) Overview and Summary