



April 7, 2026

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to provide you with the final Indian Health Service (IHS) report on the IHS and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Tribal Consultation, which was held on December 16, 2024, regarding housing-related water and sewer infrastructure needs and the longstanding appropriations restriction governing the use of Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) Program funding for HUD-funded homes.

Your insights and perspectives are vital to ensuring that Federal programs align with Tribal priorities, honor Tribal sovereignty, and support the health and well-being of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The IHS remains committed to conducting meaningful, timely, and transparent consultation in accordance with the Indian Health Manual (IHM) Part 6, Chapter 6, IHS Tribal Consultation Policy.

While it has taken time to bring everything together, your contributions remained central throughout, and I truly appreciate the time and care you invested. Enclosed is the final IHS Tribal Consultation Report, which summarizes:

- The policy issue and background;
- Tribal feedback received during December 16, 2024, Tribal Consultation and through written comments submitted;
- Agency responses; and
- Planned follow-up actions consistent with IHM requirements.

The IHS and HUD will continue to coordinate closely to support Tribal infrastructure planning and strengthen interagency communication. We will also continue to evaluate opportunities to provide enhanced technical assistance, improve Federal alignment, and ensure clarity on infrastructure funding responsibilities for Tribal housing development.

Thank you again for your partnership. We look forward to continued Government-to-Government Consultation and collaboration to improve sanitation infrastructure and housing outcomes across Indian Country.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Final IHS–HUD Tribal Consultation Report (December 18, 2025)