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**CHAPTER 24-10 ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL MONITORING**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this chapter is to convey to the project architect/engineer, Indian Health Service (IHS) staff, and tribal staff that the current practice is to require contractors for all IHS health care facilities and quarters, both for new construction and/or renovation projects, to comply with all occupational and environmental regulations including provision of monitoring. This may result in a conflict of interest in matters that are subject to interpretation, particularly those that may significantly affect the scope and cost of the services rendered. For example, a contractor may demand a change order to cover additional costs associated with occupational and environmental codes compliance.

**B. GUIDELINE**

All IHS new construction and/or renovation projects contracts will stipulate that in situations where there is a need for occupational and environmental monitoring, such monitoring will be confirmed by qualified government representatives or independent, trained and certified specialists selected by the appropriate Contracting Officer's Representative and Contracting Officer.