PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA)
Whiteriver Hospital Replacement and Associated Facilities
Department of Health and Human Services — Indian Health Service, Phoenix Area Office

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.), the Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service, Phoenix Area Office has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of proposed modifications to the Whiteriver Hospital Replacement and Associated Facilities originally assessed in the May 2019 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The Draft SEA addresses changes to the project design and new information regarding **expansion of project areas.**

The Draft SEA is available for public review and comment beginning November 21, 2025 through December 10, 2025 (a 15-day comment period).

The document may be accessed at:

• Online: https://www.ihs.gov/phoenix/healthcarefacilities/whiteriver/

Comments may be submitted by email to <u>trenton.breshears@ihs.gov</u> or mailed to:

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All substantive comments received by the end of the comment period will be reviewed and addressed in the Final SEA and decision document.

Following public review, **Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service**, **Phoenix Area Office** will determine whether to issue a **FONSI** or prepare an **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**.

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