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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to inform you that I signed an updated Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Consultation Policy as Part 6, Chapter 6 in the *Indian Health Manual* (IHM).

The updated IHS Tribal Consultation Policy reaffirms the Agency's commitment to engage in regular, meaningful, and robust Tribal Consultation and permanently establishes the policy as a chapter in the IHM. This chapter aligns with the requirements of Executive Order (EO) 13175 "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," Presidential Memoranda on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships, as well as Uniform Standards for Tribal Consultation, and with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Tribal Consultation Policy. It further includes a training requirement for IHS employees who work with Tribal Nations or on policies with Tribal implications that, at a minimum, includes a review of EO 13175, the President's Memorandum on Uniform Standards for Tribal Consultation, and the IHS Tribal Consultation Policy.

The IHS Tribal Consultation Policy is enclosed and will be posted to the IHM on the IHS website.

Additionally, I am providing the enclosed *IHS Tribal Consultation Policy Tribal Consultation Summary Report* that outlines the Tribal Consultation activity and resulting decision and the *IHS Tribal Consultation Policy Summary of Changes* that details revisions to the updated IHS Tribal Consultation Policy.

I would like to express my gratitude to the IHS Director's Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation for their contributions and recommendations for updating the IHS Tribal Consultation Policy and for their dedication throughout the extensive three-year process.

Sincerely,

/ Roselyn Tso /

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Director

Enclosures: IHS Tribal Consultation Policy
IHS Tribal Consultation Policy Tribal Consultation Summary Report
IHS Tribal Consultation Policy Summary of Changes