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RE: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is hosting a series of Public Meetings on HUD’s approach to Environmental Justice (EJ). HUD is seeking input from EJ community members and their advocates. These public meetings are an opportunity to meet and speak with the HUD staff who will be implementing HUD’s Environmental Justice Strategy.

The public meetings are a chance to ask questions and offer suggestions about what could be done to improve EJ communities through HUD’s activities. The in-person events will be held at the HUD field office in each city below at 10 a.m. Please bring photo identification, which is required to enter the federal building. The date and links to the online registration system for each meeting are as follows:

- Seattle, Washington .......................... September 6, 2016
- Detroit, Michigan ............................ September 8, 2016
- Charleston, West Virginia ..................... September 13, 2016
- Boston, Massachusetts ....................... September 16, 2016

HUD’s 2016-2020 Environmental Justice Strategy is forthcoming and is an update of the 2012-2015 EJ strategy. The update will guide HUD’s efforts to strengthen its awareness of and protections against disproportionate, adverse effects to EJ communities. Once the 2016-2020 Environmental Justice Strategy is finalized, it will be published in the Federal Register and will have a 60-day comment period.

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in the effective delivery of HUD’s programs.

Sincerely,

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