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TO: All Tribal Government Leaders and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs)

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TOPIC: Indian Housing Plan

SUBJECT: Extension of Submission Deadline for Indian Housing Plan (IHP)


Based on numerous comments received after the publication of the proposed rule on July 2, 1997; subsequent Negotiated Rulemaking Committee meetings; and the fact that final regulations implementing NAHASDA will not be effective by November 3, 1997; the Department has concluded that new IHP submission dates are needed to enable tribes/TDHEs additional time to formulate their plan to comply with NAHASDA requirements.

The anticipated publication date of the NAHASDA transition notice is early December 1997. Language in the notice advises all tribes/TDHEs that an IHP can be submitted no earlier than the publication date of the final regulations implementing NAHASDA and no later than July 1, 1998. The new submission dates for the IHP are only applicable for Fiscal Year 1998. The final regulations will establish IHP submission dates for all future years.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during this period of transition.

NOTE: This guidance was sent under separate cover to all Tribal Government Leaders and TDHEs on October 8, 1997.