



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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SUBJECT: COORDINATED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INITIATIVE

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the lead agency in the federal effort to develop a coordinated environmental review process for housing and housing-related infrastructure in Indian Country. HUD is now seeking comments and input from tribal leaders on moving forward with the recommendations of the Coordinated Environmental Review Process Final Report, as discussed in the enclosed status report. The Final Report can be found at: <https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=CoorEnvirReview.pdf>.

You are invited to express your comments to HUD officials at two upcoming open forums.

- The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 2017 Executive Council Winter Session, to be held February 13-16 in Washington, DC, and
- The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) 2017 Legislative Conference, to be held March 6-8 in Washington, DC.

At each conference, HUD officials will provide a brief review of the Coordinated Environmental Review Initiative, and then listen to comments from attendees.

The Coordinated Environmental Review Process Workgroup has provided both NCAI and NAIHC with a status report discussing ideas for moving forward with the Final Report recommendations. Before the conferences, attendees should expect to receive the status report from NCAI and NAIHC. This information would be most beneficial to read before the listening sessions.

Alternatively, you are invited to submit your comments on the enclosed status report within 30 days from the date of this letter to Hilary Atkin, Environmental Clearance Officer, at Hilary.C.Atkin@hud.gov, or by postal mail to:

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Input from tribal leaders is essential to developing the best plan possible to move forward with the recommendations of the Coordinated Environmental Review Process Final Report. Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in the effective delivery of HUD's programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi J. Frechette".

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs