



July 26, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) federally recognized tribes share the goal of establishing clear policies to further the government-to-government relationship between the United States Government and federally recognized AI/AN tribes. Effective consultation results in information exchange, mutual understanding, and informed decision-making.

Thank you for your recommendations to improve our policies and practices to better engage with AI/AN federally recognized tribes. CDC/ATSDR recognizes our unique relationship with AI/AN federally recognized tribes and are committed to fulfilling our critical role in promoting the health and safety of AI/AN people.

We will review and incorporate your feedback from the July 12 Tribal Consultation on the Rape Prevention Education (RPE) Program to inform the new five-year Rape Prevention Education: Enhancing Capacity for Sexual Violence Prevention Across State, Territories, and Tribal Coalitions Through a Health Equity Lens (NOFO). We understand the importance of providing timely and clear responses to AI/AN federally recognized tribes, and we remain committed to holding open and meaningful engagement on programs that have significant implications for tribes.

We will provide you with a report summarizing the feedback and next steps by October 20, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Jones", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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