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White House Drug Control Director Kerlikowske and Assistant Secretary Echo Hawk Announce October 29 as Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

WASHINGTON – Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Gil Kerlikowske and the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk today announced that on Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. local time, Americans will be able to drop off their expired, unused and unwanted prescription drug pills at sites across Indian Country free of charge, no questions asked. By doing so, they will be helping prevent drug abuse and theft.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is partnering with national, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials, as well as community coalition groups to hold a third National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. This one-day event will make it convenient for the public to rid their homes of potentially dangerous prescription drugs.

“Prescription drug abuse is one of the fastest-growing drug problems in the country,” said Kerlikowske. “Data show that 70 percent of the people who abuse prescription drugs get them from the medicine cabinets of friends or family members, which is why properly disposing of unwanted prescription drugs is more important than ever. Together, we can help save lives by promoting the proper disposal of unused prescription drugs.”

“Through the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, we can all help to ensure the safety of loved ones and tribal communities,” Echo Hawk said. “I urge everyone who has unused prescription drugs to turn them in and help us continue to make every Indian home a prescription drug-safe home.”

The public can find a nearby collection site by visiting www.dea.gov and clicking the “Got Drugs?” banner, which links to a database where they can enter their zip code. Information can also be found by visiting http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/. Below this press release is the table of PARTICIPATING INDIAN COUNTRY LOCATIONS.

The two previous National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day events turned in more than 309 tons of pills at more than 5,300 sites manned by over 3,800 federal, state and local law enforcement partners.

Unattended or outdated prescription drugs are often found in home medicine cabinets, and create a public health crisis because they are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Prescription drug abuse in the U.S. today is at an alarmingly high level—two-and-a-half times

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more people currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, and inhalants combined, according to the recently released 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). The same study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

Four days after the first Take-Back event in September 2010, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an “ultimate user” of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents’ controlled substances in certain instances. DEA has begun drafting regulations to implement the Act, a process that can take as long as 24 months. Until new regulations are in place, law enforcement agencies like the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services (BIA-OJS) and the DEA will continue to hold prescription drug take-back events every few months.

Prescription drug disposal and the Take-Back events are significant pieces of the White House’s Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Plan released this year by the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Purging home medicine cabinets of neglected drugs is one of four strategies for reducing prescription drug abuse and diversion laid out in Epidemic: Responding to America’s Prescription Drug Abuse Crisis. The other strategies include education of health care providers, patients, parents and youth; establishing prescription drug monitoring programs in all states; and increased enforcement to address doctor shopping and pill mills.

The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs discharges the duties of the Secretary of the Interior with the authority and direct responsibility to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with the nation’s federally recognized tribes, advocate policies that support Indian self-determination, protect and preserve Indian trust assets, and administer a wide array of laws, regulations and functions relating to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, tribal members and individual trust beneficiaries. The Assistant Secretary oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education. The BIA Office of Justice Services is responsible for managing the Bureau’s law enforcement, corrections and tribal courts programs, either directly in tribal communities or by funding tribally administered programs through contract and grants. For more information, visit www.indianaffairs.gov.

U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

OCTOBER 29, 2011

PARTICIPATING INDIAN COUNTRY LOCATIONS

For More Information: <http://www.justice.gov/dea/take-back/takeback-day.html>

Sponsor	Location	Address	City, State
PENOBSCOT NATION POLICE DEPT.		25 WABANAKI WAY	INDIAN ISLAND, ME
NARRAGANSETT TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT		4375B SOUTH COUNTY TRAIL	CHARLESTOWN, RI
ONEIDA INDIAN NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT	ONEIDA INDIAN NATION HEALTH CENTER	1216 TERRITORY ROAD	ONEIDA, NY
ONEIDA INDIAN NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT MOBILE COMMAND POST	5218 PATRICK ROAD (TURNING STONE RESORT CASINO)		VERONA, NY
POARCH CREEK TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	6217 JACK SPRINGS ROAD		ATMORE, AL
WIND RIVER RESERVATION			
.	WIND RIVER POLICE DEPT	109 NORKOK STREET	FORT WASHAKIE, WY
	BLUE SKY HALL	506 ETHETE ROAD	ETHETE WY
	GREAT PLAINS HALL	15 GREAT PLAINS ROAD	ARAPAHOE WY
CROW RESERVATION			
	BIA FORESTRY PARKING	191 PRYOR ROAD	PRYOR, MT
	LODGE GRASS CITY HALL	110 HESTER AVENUE	LODGE GRASS, MT
	CROW AGENCY PARK	MAKAWASHE AVENUE	CROW AGENCY, MT

KALISPEL TRIBE PUBLIC SAFETY		3292 NORTH LECLERC ROAD	USK, WA
COLVILLE TRIBAL POLICE			
	INCHELIUM STORE	38 SHORT CUT ROAD	INCHELIUM, WA
	KELLER COMMUNITY STORE	11611 S HIGHWAY 21	KELLER, WA
	NESPELEM TRADING POST STORE	3 LAKES STREET	
MOAPA TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	3 LINCOLN ST.		MOAPA, NV
RENO SPARKS INDIAN COLONY POLICE DEPT.			
	HUNGRY VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER	9055 EAGLE CANYON DR.	SPARKS, NV
	WALMART	2425 E. 2ND ST.	RENO, NV
WASHOE TRIBE POLICE DEPARTMENT	CARSON COLONY GYM	2900 SOUTH CURRY ST.	CARSON CITY, NV
	STEWART COMMUNITY CENTER	465 CLEAR CREEK	CARSON CITY, NV
	DRESSLERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER	828 BOY ST	GARDNERVILLE, NV
FLATHEAD TRIBAL POLICE	TRIBAL COMPLEX CENTER	42492 COMPLEX BLVD	PABLO, MT
BIA LAW ENFORCEMENT	COMMUNITY BLD IN FT YATES	RED HAWK TAIL AVENUE	FORT YATES, ND
			CANNONBALL, SD

	RED GYM		
	DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUILDING	RED HAWK AVE.	FORT YATES, ND
Nez Perce Tribal Police	WA-A-YAS	400 IDAHO STREET	KAMIAH, ID
	PINEEWAS	100 AGENCY ROAD	LAPWAI, ID
PUEBLO OF SANDIA POLICE DEPT	TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION BLDG	481 SANDIA LOOP	BERNALILLO, NM
GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT	DISTRICT 6 SERICE CENTER	5230 W. ST. JOHNS ROAD	LAVEEN, AZ
	GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT	669 W. SEEDFARM ROAD	SACATON, AZ
FORT MCDOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT	FORT MCDOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT	10755 N. FORT MCDOWELL ROAD	FORT MCDOWELL, AZ
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION POLICE DEPT.	TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT	STATE ROUTE 86	SELLS, AZ
QUINULT NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT	COMMUNITY CENTER	124 QUINULT STREET	TAHOLAH, WA
PUYALLUP POLICE DEPARTMENT	PUYALLUP POLICE DEPARTMENT	311 WEST PIONEER	PUYALLUP, WA
LUMMI NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT	FISHERMAN'S COVE STORE	2557 LUMMI VIEW DRIVE	BELLINGHAM, WA

WASHOE TRIBE POLICE DEPARTMENT	WOODFORDS COMMUNITY CENTER	96 B WASHOE BLVD	MARKLEEVILLE, CA
SPOKANE TRIBAL POLICE	SPOKANE TRIBAL PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING	6203 FORD WELLPINIT ROAD	WELLPINIT, WA
YSLETA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	YSLETA ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT	9600 SIMS	EL PASO, TX
DUCKWATER TRIBAL POLICE	DUCKWATER TRIBAL POLICE	209 NEWE STREET	DUCKWATER, NV
ELY SOSHONE TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	ELY SOSHONE TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	101 HERITAGE DR.	ELY, NV
FALLON TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	FOX PEAK STATION	615 E. WILLIAMS AVE.	FALLON, NV
LEECH LAKE TRIBAL POLICE	LEECH LAKE TRIBAL POLICE POLICE DEPARTMENT HWY#2	6242 US HWY#2	CASS LAKE, MN
	ONIGUM COMMUNITY CENTER	County Road #13	WALKER, MN
	BENA POST OFFICE	County Road #8	Bena, MN
	BALL CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER	County Road #39	Deer River, MN
ST CROIX TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	MAPLE PLAIN TRIBAL CUMMUNITY CENTER	247 25 3/4 - 26TH AVE	CUMBERLAND, WI
LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS DPS	LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS DPS	3031 DOMRES ROAD	MANISTEE, MI

SAULT TRIBE POLICE DEPARTMENT	SAULT TRIBAL HEALTH	2864 ASHMUN STREET	SAULT SAINTE MARIE, MI
TONAWANDA POLICE DEPARTMENT	KENMORE MERCY HOSPITAL	2950 ELMWOOD AVENUE	KENMORE, NY
NORTH TONAWANDA POLICE DEPARTMENT	DEGAFF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	445 TREMONT STREET	NORTH TONAWANDA, NY
SENECA NATIONS OF INDIANS	CATTARAUGUS INDIAN RESERVATION HEALTH CENTER	36 THOMAS INDIAN SCHOOL DRIVE.	IRVING, NY
	LIONEL R. JOHN HEALTH CENTER	987 R.C. HOAG DRIVE	SALAMANCA, NY
MASHANTUCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT	MASHANTUCKET COMMUNITY CENTER	2 MATTS PATH	MASHANTUCKET, CT
	FOXWOODS RESORT AND CASINO	25 NORWICH WESTERLY RD	Mashantucket, CT
CHEROKEE INDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT	FOOD LION SHOPPING CENTER	16 CHEROKEE CROSSING	WHITTIER, NC
	SNOWBIRD RECREATION CENTER	54 INDIAN SCHOOL RD	ROBBINSVILLE, NC
	CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMUNITY BLDG	59 HIWASSEE ST	MURPHY, NC
SYCUAN TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	SYCUAN TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	5522 SYCUAN ROAD	EL CAJON, CA