Dear Tribal Leader,

The IHS Director continues to seek tribal consultation on Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements for membership to IHS national boards/committees/workgroups. This is a reminder to you to submit your comments directly and as soon as possible to consultation@ihs.gov to ensure your input is included. The IHS Director's Workgroup on Tribal Consultation will review the submissions.

Thank you.

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Tribal Consultation: Federal Advisory Committee Act

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Recently the IHS Director sent a letter to all tribes initiating a formal consultation on issues surrounding the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Specifically, the IHS Director requested input on how the IHS can ensure that its advisory workgroups/committees/boards comply with FACA or the Intergovernmental Exception to FACA. Your input is due within 60 days from the date of the letter (11/9/2011) and written comments can be sent to consultation@ihs.gov. The IHS Director will review the input with the IHS Director's Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation and they will help develop final recommendations. Here is a copy of the letter. [PDF - 59KB]

If you have any questions or would like to discuss, I remain available. The due date is Friday, January 6.

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