

Dear Tribal Official,

Attached please find a February 2, 2012 update from the IHS Director on the implementation of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). This letter follows her November 9, 2011 request (attached) for tribal consultation on the FACA and extends the tribal consultation another 30 days through March 6, 2012. You may submit your comments via e-mail to consultation@ihs.gov, send them to IHS Headquarters at 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 410, Rockville, MD 20852, or fax them to (301) 443-4794. See below for the message posted today on the IHS Director's Blog:

Update: Consultation on Federal Advisory Committee Act

Posted on February 3, 2012

I sent a letter to Tribes in November 2011 initiating a consultation on ensuring all IHS advisory groups, workgroups, and committees are in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). After reviewing the initial input, I sent a letter today to Tribes to clarify the Agency's position and to request further and more specific input on this topic. Here is a copy of the [letter](#). [PDF - 41KB] Comments are due in 30 days from the date of the letter.

I remain available to discuss the FACA and answer any questions that you might have about California duly-elected tribal officials serving on IHS boards/committees/workgroups.

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