



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Dear Tribal Leader:

On November 1, 2011, you were invited to participate in a government-to-government consultation session concerning how to implement and prioritize among enacted Indian Water Rights Settlements. Consultation sessions will be held at the following times and places:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location:</u>
November 29, 2011	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Washington, D.C. Hilton Crystal City Ronald Reagan Airport 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway Arlington, VA 22202 (703)418-6800
December 7, 2011	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	San Diego, California U.S. Grant Hotel 326 Broadway San Diego, CA 92101 (619)323-3121
December 9, 2011	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Albuquerque, New Mexico National Indian Program Training Center 1011 Indian School Road, NW Suite 254 Albuquerque, NM 87104 (505)563-5114
December 12, 2011	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Billings, Montana Billings Hotel and Convention Center 1223 Mallowney Lane Billings, MT 59101 (406)248-7151

As explained in the November 1, 2011, letter, Title VI of Pub. Law No. 110-293, commonly known as PEPFAR, directs the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with Indian tribes, to jointly establish a plan that addresses law enforcement, water, and health care needs of Indian tribes, for each of Fiscal Years 2010 through 2019. The purpose of the upcoming consultation sessions is to obtain tribal views concerning how to implement and prioritize among "requirements of Indian water settlement agreements that are approved by Congress (or the legislation to implement such an agreement) under which the United States shall plan, design, rehabilitate, or construct, or provide financial

assistance for the planning, design, rehabilitation, or construction of, water supply or delivery infrastructure that will serve an Indian tribe” (this is enacted language from P.L. 110-293).

Should you or a member of your staff be unable to attend one or more of the scheduled consultation sessions, please provide your written comments and/or questions to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4141-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240, attn: Mr. Dion KILLSBACK; via email at [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov); or via telephone to Mr. KILLSBACK at (202) 208-6939.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Laverdure', written in a cursive style.

Donald E. Laverdure  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs