U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) currently has 11 vacancies for membership, and you are invited to nominate an elected leader from your tribe to serve as a delegate.

CDC is the leading public health agency in the United States and abroad. For over 60 years, CDC has been dedicated to protecting health and promoting quality of life through the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability. CDC shares its focus on health protection with ATSDR, its sister agency. ATSDR's mission is to serve the public through responsive public health actions by promoting healthy and safe environments and preventing harmful exposures.

As federal agencies, CDC and ATSDR recognize their special commitment to and unique relationship with Indian tribes and are committed to fulfilling their critical role in promoting the health and safety of Indian tribes. In 2005, CDC and ATSDR established the TAC—which serves as an advisory committee to CDC and ATSDR. The TAC provides input and guidance on policies, guidelines, and programmatic issues affecting the health of Indian tribes.

Information about the vacant seats, eligibility, selection criteria, and nomination procedures is enclosed. Please consider nominating an elected leader from your tribe to serve in this critical role in promoting Native public health.

Thank you for your consideration and support in nominating candidates for these open CDC/ATSDR TAC seats. We look forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship among tribal governments, CDC, and ATSDR in promoting the health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure