



March 29, 2024

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is committed to engaging in government-to-government consultation with tribal officials on actions that affect Tribal Nations. This is described in [FEMA's Tribal Consultation Policy](#) and aligns with [Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments](#), and President Biden's [Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#). FEMA's goals in the [2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy](#) also emphasize our commitment to honor tribal sovereignty and build and maintain strong relationships with Tribal Nations through meaningful tribal consultation.

Consistent with our responsibilities and commitments, FEMA invites Tribal Nations to participate in a series of government-to-government listening sessions and tribal consultations on revising FEMA's [Tribal Consultation Policy](#). This policy applies to all FEMA programs and headquarters and regional employees responsible for developing or implementing actions on behalf of FEMA that may have tribal implications.

FEMA is committed to ensuring all participants have equal access regardless of disability status. If you require reasonable accommodation due to a disability to fully participate in the engagements listed below, please contact fema-tribal@fema.dhs.gov as soon as possible.

Future Tribal Engagements on FEMA's update of the Tribal Consultation Policy:

Hybrid In Person/Virtual Tribal Listening Session at FEMA Headquarters

Date/Time: April 11, 2024, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm ET

Location: 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472

Virtual: [Registration link](#)

In Person Tribal Consultation Session at the Bureau of Indian Affairs [Tribal Assistance Coordination Group \(TAC-G\) Conference](#)

Day/Time: May 7, 2024, 10:30 – 12:00 pm MT

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort, 4300 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85034

Virtual Tribal Consultation

Date/Time: May 23, 2024, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm ET

Location: Zoom

Virtual: [Registration link](#)

Virtual Tribal Consultation

Date/Time: May 28, 2024, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm ET

Location: Zoom

Virtual: [Registration link](#)

The purpose of the government-to-government listening session and tribal consultations is to gather Tribal Nations' feedback on how to improve [FEMA's Tribal Consultation Policy](#).

Additional consultation dates and information, including a framing paper, will be available on the [FEMA Tribal Consultations webpage](#) at a later date.

Tribal Nations can submit their written comments and any questions via email with the subject line "Tribal Consultation Policy – Written Comments" to fema-tribal@fema.dhs.gov. FEMA will accept written comments from tribal leaders through **July 30, 2024**.

We look forward to your participation and receiving comments and feedback as we work to support Tribal Nations before, during, and after disasters.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Tribal Leaders, Tribal Emergency Managers, and Tribal Associations