



National Institute for
Occupational Safety and Health
Centers for Disease Control
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February 17, 2022

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) federally recognized tribes share the goal of enhancing worker safety and health in tribal communities. Effective consultation results in information exchange, mutual understanding, and informed decision-making.

Thank you for your feedback and recommendations to improve the draft [American Indian and Alaska Native Worker Safety and Health Strategic Plan](#). CDC/NIOSH recognizes our unique relationship with federally recognized tribes, and we are committed to fulfilling our critical role in promoting the health, safety, and well-being of AI/AN workers and their communities.

As we review and update the strategic plan, we are using various methods to gather input, including holding the virtual tribal consultation session on February 3, 2022, and collecting public comments through the Federal Register notice published on November 30, 2021 at [[NIOSH 345](#)]. We understand the importance of providing timely and clear responses to federally recognized tribes, and we remain committed to holding open and meaningful engagement in the dissemination and implementation of the strategic plan.

We continue to accept written recommendations and feedback until 5 pm (EST) on February 24, 2022; comments may be submitted by email to niocindocket@cdc.gov or by mail to Sherri Diana, NIOSH Docket Office, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226-1998. After the comment period for NIOSH 345 concludes, we will provide a report by April 7, 2022, summarizing the feedback and next steps.

Sincerely,

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John Howard, MD
Director