DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

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Dear Tribal Leaders:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) currently has four delegate vacancies from the Indian Health Service's Albuquerque Area, Billings Area, Nashville Area, and Portland Area. Tribes residing in the Albuquerque Area, Billings Area, Nashville Area, and Portland Area are requested to nominate an elected tribal official to be considered for participation on the TAC.

CDC is the leading public health agency in the United States and abroad. For more than 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 serves the public by using the best science, taking responsive public health actions, and providing trusted health information to prevent harmful exposures and diseases related to toxic substances.

As federal agencies, CDC and ATSDR recognize their special commitment to and unique relationship with Indian tribes and are dedicated to fulfilling their critical role in promoting tribal health and safety. In 2005, CDC and ATSDR established the TAC to advise the two agencies. The TAC provides input and guidance about policies, guidelines, and programmatic issues affecting the health of Indian tribes.

Information about the vacant seats, eligibility, selection criteria, and nomination procedures is enclosed.

If your tribe is located in the Albuquerque Area, Billings Area, Nashville Area, or Portland Area, please consider nominating an elected leader from your tribe to serve in this important role in promoting Native public health. If you have questions or concerns about the TAC or the nomination process, contact the CDC Tribal Support Unit at TribalSupport@cdc.gov. 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

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