



November 21, 2013

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), you are invited to two important meetings for tribal leaders to speak with CDC and ATSDR leadership and subject matter experts about the public health issues affecting your communities.

The two meetings are as follows:

- The CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting on February 18, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EST).
- The 10th Biannual CDC/ATSDR Tribal Consultation Session on February 19, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EST).

Both meetings will be held at CDC headquarters, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Registration forms, agendas, and hotel information can be found on our Tribal Support website at www.cdc.gov/tribal/meetings.html.

The February 2014 TAC Meeting and Tribal Consultation Session will provide another opportunity for tribal leaders to speak openly about the public health issues affecting their communities. Discussion topics will include Native specimens, behavioral risk factors, and disease-specific topics. We look forward to rich discussions on these critical public health topics. There will also be a listening session with the CDC Director/ATSDR Administrator and another roundtable discussion with CDC and ATSDR leadership.

Most importantly, there will be an opportunity to provide tribal testimonies on the public health issues affecting your tribe. Please submit written testimony by January 24, 2014, to TribalSupport@cdc.gov.

If you have questions about the upcoming TAC Meeting or Tribal Consultation Session, please contact April R. Taylor, Public Health Analyst, Tribal Support Unit, at ARTaylor@cdc.gov or (404) 498-1170. You may also contact CAPT Craig Wilkins, Acting Director, Tribal Support Unit, at CWilkins@cdc.gov or (404) 498-2208, or by mail at: 4770 Buford Hwy NE, MS E-70, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

Your input is very important to us as we work to improve tribal access to CDC and ATSDR programs and services and strengthen partnerships with tribes and American Indian/Alaska Native community-based organizations. CDC and ATSDR remain committed to respecting tribal sovereignty while working together to leverage capacity, expertise, and resources to achieve the greatest impact on the health issues affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Sincerely,



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