

# CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee

## About the Tribal Advisory Committee

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) serves as an advisory committee to CDC/ATSDR providing input and guidance on policies, guidelines, and programmatic issues affecting the health of Indian tribes.



## Purpose of the TAC

- Exchange information with CDC/ATSDR staff about public health issues in Indian country, identify urgent public health needs, and discuss collaborative approaches
- Provide guidance regarding government-to-government consultation between CDC/ATSDR and Indian tribes
- Ensure that CDC/ATSDR activities or policies that impact Indian country are brought to the attention of tribal leaders

## Committee Composition

The TAC is composed of 16 delegates (and authorized representatives) from federally recognized tribes, each acting on behalf of their respective tribe. CDC/ATSDR has incorporated the Indian Health Services (IHS) Areas and the At-Large positions as members of the TAC to provide specific representation for the regional and national concerns of tribal governments.<sup>1</sup>

- One delegate (and one authorized representative) from a federally recognized tribe located in each of the 12 IHS areas
- One delegate (and one authorized representative) from four federally recognized tribes at-large

**Delegates**—elected tribal officials, acting in their official capacity as elected officials of their tribe, with authority to act on behalf of the tribe, and qualified to represent the views of the Indian tribes in the respective area from which they are nominated.

**Authorized Representatives**—elected tribal officials or designated tribal officials who are acting on behalf of the delegate and are qualified to represent the views of tribes. Authorized representatives might include, but are not limited to, tribal health officers, tribal health system executive directors, and leaders of regional and national nonprofit corporations (501.c.3).

## Member Responsibilities

- Make a good-faith effort to attend all meetings
- Submit area reports to CDC/ATSDR, including information from area tribes
- Disseminate information to local area tribes

## Meetings

- Two face-to-face meetings per year held in conjunction with formal CDC/ATSDR Tribal Consultation Sessions—typically one in Atlanta hosted by CDC/ATSDR, and one in Indian Country hosted by a tribe
- Periodic conference calls

## Designated Federal Official

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act exemption of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and the 2010 HHS Tribal Consultation Policy

