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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to update you on a change for the Indian Health Service (IHS) 105(l) Lease Program. On May 22, 2024, the administration of the 105(l) Lease Program transitioned from the IHS Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEHE) and the Alaska Area IHS to the IHS Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes (ODSCT).

Section 105(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, “requires the Secretary, at the request of a Tribe or Tribal Organization (T/TO), to enter into a lease with the T/TO for a building owned or leased by the T/TO that is used for the administration or delivery of services under the Act.” The IHS 105(l) Lease Program began in 2012, when the Alaska Area IHS issued its first Section 105(l) lease. Since 2012, the 105(l) Lease Program has expanded across Indian country. To date, the IHS has entered into 901 leases with over 140 T/TOs participating.

The IHS moved the administration of the Section 105(l) Lease Program from Alaska Area IHS, that was under a leasing authority by OEHE, to its own division within ODSCT, which enables improved Headquarters oversight and centralizes this Agency function. The relocation has been seamless with no impact on Tribal programs. The collaboration between the 105(l) Lease Program and the Area Office 105(l) review teams will continue, as these are essential to the success of the 105(l) Lease Program.

To streamline and improve communications between the IHS and T/TOs, all 105(l) proposals, supporting documents, and communications regarding 105(l) leases, lease proposals, and renewals should be submitted to the new 105(l) email at [HQ105lLease@ihs.gov](mailto:HQ105lLease@ihs.gov). The email is monitored by 105(l) Lease Program staff to ensure prompt responses.

Additional program improvements are coming in the next few months including a 105(l) lease guide, website, frequently asked questions page, and additional staff to manage the program.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Chris Poole, Acting Director, ODSCT, IHS, by email at [chris.poole@ihs.gov](mailto:chris.poole@ihs.gov).

Sincerely,

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