



FEMA

January 5, 2010

Dear Tribal Leader:

Both President Obama and Secretary Napolitano have made a commitment to increase nation to nation relations with tribal communities and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) supports this effort. One of the commitments I stressed during the tribal listening sessions was to engage in genuine consultation with you regarding FEMA policies and programs. While there is more work to be done, I am proud of our first steps and am committed to continuing down the path as true partners, one team.

We are actively examining the existing FEMA Tribal Policy to determine where changes and updates are needed to ensure a more comprehensive document. As part of FEMA's effort to ensure genuine consultation, I respectfully request that you review the existing FEMA Tribal Policy (attached) and submit suggested changes and/or comments by February 5, 2010 to Mr. Steve Golubic, FEMA's Tribal Liaison, at Steven.Golubic@dhs.gov

FEMA will be organizing a Working Group, which will include tribal representation, to make revisions to the Tribal Policy before it is submitted to the Federal Register for public comment. We expect the Working Group to hold its first meeting in January, 2010. Our goal is to create a comprehensive policy that will enhance our ability to work together.

Your participation is vital to our mutual success in enhancing true nation to nation relations. I look forward to receiving your comments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Steve Golubic at (202) 646-4264.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Craig Fugate".

W. Craig Fugate
Administrator