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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (CIVIL WORKS)  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL  
HEALTH)  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
(ENVIRONMENT)  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL  
HEALTH)  
NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

SUBJECT: Native American Integrated Product Team (IPT) Charter & Membership

The Department of Defense Native American Integrated Product Team (IPT) was chartered on November 18, 2002 (attached). The charter outlines the Department of Defense's relationship and responsibilities to Indian tribes as well as the role of the IPT to include:

- Enhancing coordination and communication between DoD Components regarding Indian Tribal issues;
- Assisting DoD Components in meeting their responsibilities under Federal law and policy as it relates to Indian tribal issues; and
- Fulfilling responsibilities assigned to ODUSD as DoD's Senior-level tribal liaison.

I believe that the IPT is an appropriate DoD forum to address policy and program issues relative to DoD's relationship with American Indian tribal governments and I am hopeful that it will continue to be successful.

In accordance with section "F" of the charter, I am requesting that the participant Military Departments, Civil Works and DoD Agencies designated in the IPT, provide me with the names and titles of current IPT representatives (and alternates). Please submit written notification to Ms. Stacey Halfmoon, IPT Chair [Fax (703) 607-3124 or E-mail at [stacy.halfmoon@osd.mil](mailto:stacy.halfmoon@osd.mil)]. Please provide this information by October 15, 2003.

  
For: Philip W. Grone

Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense  
(Installations and Environment)

Attachment:  
As stated



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
NATIVE AMERICAN INTEGRATED PRODUCT TEAM (IPT)  
CHARTER

**A. BACKGROUND**

The Department of Defense (DoD) is required by numerous laws, treaties, and the "Trust Relationship" between the United States and Indian tribes to consult with tribes on a Government-to-Government basis before taking action that may affect Indian lands, treaty rights, traditional cultural properties, or tribal sovereignty.

DoD's trust responsibility is derived from treaties, Executive Orders, agreements, statutes, and other obligations between the United States Government and tribes. The Department of Defense American Indian and Alaska Native Policy embodies and exemplifies our national commitment to working cooperatively and effectively with Indian Nations.

**B. AUTHORITIES**

1. DoD Directive 4715.1, "Environmental Security," February 24, 1996.
2. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 1990.
3. Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), 1979.
4. American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA).
5. National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) 1966, as amended.
6. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
7. Department of Defense American Indian and Alaska Native Policy, 1998.
8. Executive Order 13007, 1996 – Indian Sacred Sites.
9. Executive Order 13175, 2000 – Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes.

**C. PURPOSE**

The Native American IPT will strive to enhance coordination and communication between DoD Components by addressing issues concerning implementation of DoD's American Indian and Alaska Native Policy. The principal objective of the group is to assist DoD Components in meeting their responsibilities to Indian tribes under federal law and policy.

## **D. RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Native American IPT will advise the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment through the Environmental Quality Office (ODUSD(I&E)EQ). Specific tasks include, but are not limited to:

1. Facilitating coordination among representatives from the Legacy Program, Native American Land Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP), the Military Components, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) (ASA/CW).
2. Exchange of information through the use of a centralized forum.
3. Utilization of combined program resources to assist in:
  - meeting DoD's Trust Responsibility to American Indians and Alaska Natives;
  - building Government-to-Government relations;
  - assisting with consultation, as needed;
  - protecting cultural or natural resources important or sacred to American Indians, Alaska Natives, or Native Hawaiians; and
  - ensuring the continued availability of military lands to support military readiness.
4. Coordinating with the Military Components and the ASA/CW on Native American issues stemming from compliance with:
  - Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA); and
  - National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 consultation.
5. Developing Legacy proposals that supplement Native American consultation responsibilities at the installation level.
6. Establishing Military Components and Civil Works Point of Contacts for various compliance requirements (NAGPRA, NHPA, etc.).

To perform these tasks, the IPT will:

- a) Collect, review, and analyze existing DoD, Component-specific, and other applicable or relevant Federal agency regulations and policies concerning Native American issues.
- b) Monitor proposed legislation that involves Native American issues that could potentially affect the Department of Defense.
- c) Interface through the Components and Civil Works, as necessary, with Federal agencies, State Historic Preservation Officers, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and tribal representatives.

- d) Request opinions from other DoD subject matter experts as necessary on various aspects of Native American issues.
- e) Monitor selected Legacy and NALEMP projects, as needed.

#### **E. ROLES**

1. The Native American IPT serves to facilitate, but not replace, coordination for DoD on subject matter related to Native American issues. Proper coordination with the appropriate DoD Component offices for IPT issues is the responsibility of the OSD representative of the IPT.
2. The IPT will advise on legislation and policies dealing with trust responsibility and tribal resources.
3. The OSD representative to the IPT is responsible for keeping appropriate DoD Component offices informed and conveying the IPT's position on issues.
4. Each office's representative to the IPT is responsible for keeping its chain of command informed and conveying its organization's position on issues.
5. Any decision involving resource allocation should be staffed by the OSD IPT representative through the specific offices involved.
6. The IPT representatives are not to be used as a substitute to the requirement for OSD to properly route and coordinate proposals or issues directly with the appropriate Component offices.
7. The IPT representatives can advise OSD as to which DoD Component offices they believe are appropriate.

#### **F. PROCEDURES**

1. Meetings shall be held quarterly, or more frequently, as appropriate, to deal with specific issues.
2. ODUSD(I&E)EQ will ensure that minutes from each meeting are taken.
3. Recommendations and decisions shall be reached by consensus.
4. When response time does not allow for a meeting and consensus, the chair shall ensure the primary representatives receive as much opportunity for notice and comment as is possible and will provide the DoD position based upon the Native American IPT progress to date.
5. The Native American IPT may organize itself as it deems necessary in relation to specific issues.

6. Participants: Army, Army Civil Works, Air Force, Marine Corps, National Guard Bureau, Navy, and Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD)
7. Each participant entity will assign one formal representative and one alternate.
8. The Environmental Quality Office provides resources as required for administration of the IPT.
9. The Chair of the IPT shall be the DoD's Senior-Level Tribal Liaison, or his or her designee.

**APPROVED:**



Date 18 November 2002

Phillip W. Grane

Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense  
(Installations and Environment)