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Greetings Tribal Leader

July 26, 2022

My name is Jack Lorrigan, I am the Tribal Liaison and Community Officer for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) within the Department of the Interior. In May 2022, BSEE appointed a Sprint Team that is looking at how to strengthen our national program on Tribal Engagement for Federally Recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Corporations and we are hoping to receive input from the larger Tribal community. If you are not familiar with our agency, BSEE has the authority to oversee safety and environmental standards related to offshore energy and mineral exploration, development, and production under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. This allows BSEE to regulate energy-related activities on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf, which is seaward of states' jurisdiction along the west coast in the Pacific Ocean; in Alaska on the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, the Bering Sea, Cook Inlet, along the southern coast of the Gulf of Mexico, and along the east coast of the Atlantic Ocean.

Revising Comprehensive Program

BSEE drafted a National Tribal Engagement Program Bureau Interim Directive, our guiding document for tribal consultation. We envision an active engagement program that we can achieve meaningful consultation with the tribes early and often. Part of our Bureau's comprehensive approach is early engagement with tribal nations as well as other partners for input into the development of our program, no later than September 6, 2022.

We want to hear from you. Please reach out to me by email at Jack.Lorrigan@bsee.gov or phone at 907-334-5357, if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Jack Lorrigan
Tribal Liaison and Community Officer

Attachment:

Draft National Tribal Engagement Program Bureau Interim Directive