



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Department of the Interior has begun to re-evaluate its approach to Indian water rights settlements to determine how it can best ensure the availability of resources to address the increasing need for protection of Indian water rights as well as strengthen the oversight, management, and analytical capabilities of the Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office (SIWRO).

We are seeking your input as we re-evaluate the current program and process and are particularly interested in your thoughts on the enclosed questions, which are also available at [http:// www.doi.gov/siwro](http://www.doi.gov/siwro). We will be hosting the following tribal consultations sessions to obtain your input:

Date	Time	Location	Venue
Sunday, October 26, 2014	3 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Local time)	Atlanta, GA	National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Annual Convention Hyatt Regency Atlanta 265 Peachtree St NE Atlanta, GA 30303
Thursday, November 13, 2014	3 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Local time)	Lakewood, CO	Division of Energy & Minerals Development Building 54 13922 Denver West Parkway, Suite 200 Lakewood, CO 80401

We are also accepting any written input you may want to provide before November 30, 2014. Directions for providing input are also included in the attached document.

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Sincerely,

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