

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

AMERICAN INDIAN ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE

May 7, 2024

Dear Honorable Leader,

On April 11, 2024, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) initiated consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian tribes on the proposed reorganization of the National Tribal Caucus (NTC) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Information regarding this consultation and coordination opportunity was distributed to federally recognized Tribes and potentially interested Tribal groups and also posted on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) at <u>https://tcots.epa.gov</u>.

EPA's anticipated timeline for the consultation period was previously expected to extend from April 11<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, however I am providing a notification that EPA has extended the consultation period an additional 60 days. Written comments are now requested no later than August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. A revised consultation plan to show this change is enclosed.

The official EPA contact for this consultation process is Daniel Vaught, Program Analyst, American Indian Environmental Office. Please do not hesitate to contact Daniel at <u>Vaught.Daniel@epa.gov</u> or 202-564-6038 should you have any questions regarding this action or if you would like to engage in government-to-government consultation with EPA.

I look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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