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Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs Raymond V. Butler announced today that he has extended the period for review and comment on proposed regulations governing the adoption of tribal water codes on Indian reservations published in the Federal Register March 17. The deadline has been extended from April 18 to June 2, 1977.

The regulations establish standards which tribal water codes must meet to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Tribal water codes deal with the use on reservations of water subject to tribal control.

The proposed regulations do not determine what waters are subject to tribal control. They neither increase nor reduce tribal water rights.

Comments should be sent to the Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Attention: Office of Rights Protection, Washington, D. C. 20240.