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Proposed rules, revising and updating regulations implementing a section of Public Law 93-638 concerning the construction of public schools on or near Indian reservations, are being published in the Federal Register, Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard announced today.

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638) authorized the Secretary of the Interior to contract with state education agencies or school districts for the construction or renovation of public school facilities serving reservation Indian students.

The proposed rules incorporate recommendations obtained in consultations Indian tribes and organizations since the original regulations were made effective in December, 1975. In both 1976 and 1977 Indian groups were asked to comment on the regulations and suggest changes.

The proposed rules also reflect a memorandum of agreement between the U. S. Office of Education and the Bureau of Indian Affairs on procedures for implementation and funding of the construction contracts.

Comments on the proposed rules should be sent within 30 days after publication to the Indian Self-Determination Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20245.