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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Department of the Interior (DOl) will be hosting tribal consultations and welcomes the opportunity to consult with you regarding DOl's implementation of the updated Principles, Requirements and Guidelines for Water and Land Related Resources Implementation Studies (PR&Gs). The PR&Gs provide a common framework for evaluating Federal water resource investments, updating the *Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources* that have been in place since 1983. DOl representatives, including the Bureau of lndian Affairs, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service, will participate and discuss the implications of these guidelines for tribes.

Consultation Date	**Time**	**Location/Phone Number**
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 **Meeting: All visitors must bring a Government issued photo identification card to enter the building.**	1 - 4:45 p.m. Mountain Time - Arizona	Bureau of Land Management National Training Center (Washington A, B, & C Rooms) 9828 North 31st Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051
Wednesday, April 8, 2015 **Teleconference**. Please dial in 10-15 minutes early.	1 - 4 p.m.	Toll Free: 888-989-0728 Participant Code: 8225237 International: 1-517-308-9022

Issues of Potential Interest to Tribes The following programs may potentially be included under the PR&Gs: Water Resources Management, Planning, and Pre-Development; Hatchery Maintenance and Operations; activities related to Agriculture and Invasive Species; Safety of Dams projects; and irrigation project construction. Indian water rights settlement-related activities would likely be exempted because they are litigation related. Government to Government Consultation should include but not be limited to the following:

- Tribal and cultural resources related to the PR&Gs
- Tribal interests in the context of a watershed approach to planning
- Incorporating tribal interests into the PR&Gs

Additional Resources for Information

For more information and a copy of the PR&Gs, please visit: www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/PandG For more information on DOl's consultation agenda, a copy of DOl's DRAFT Agency Specific Procedures for Implementing the PR&Gs, and a list of frequently asked questions about the PR&Gs, please visit: http:/ /www.doi.gov/ppa/principles-and-guidelines.cfm

The Department retains the commitment to engage in ongoing and meaningful Tribal consultation. We look forward to your input. Written comments may be submitted to Maika Pattison at malika.pattison@ios.doi.gov until May 1, 2015. Should you have any questions regarding the process, please email Ms. Pattison.

Sincerely,

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science
