## Welcome to the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Dear Tribal Advisory Committee Members, Presenters, and Guests,

On behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR), I would like to extend a warm welcome to you to the 28th Biannual Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. We are truly honored and grateful to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians for their gracious hospitality in hosting this meeting. We greatly appreciate their warmth and generosity in opening their homeland to us. Gathering and connecting within Indian Country provides a unique perspective that strengthens our understanding of diverse cultures and the public health issues they face.

We acknowledge and honor the Indigenous lands on which our CDC/ATSDR campuses and offices reside. The Muscogee (Creek) and Cherokee Nations where our Atlanta campuses are, as well as the Nacotchtank (Anacostan) and Piscataway Indian Nation that house our Washington, DC offices.

Your presence at this TAC meeting is crucial for our work in understanding pressing public health needs and priorities. We value your time, perspectives, advisement, and insights, which guide us in identifying best practices and emerging opportunities for improving health for all. Through our collaboration, CDC/ATSDR aims to enhance our understanding and foster impactful partnerships for holistic solutions.

Thank you, once again, for your participation in this important gathering. Together, let us forge ahead with determination and innovation as we seek to improve health outcomes for all within tribal nations.

Sincerely,

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