



**The Secretary of
Energy**
Washington,
DC 20585

Dear Tribal Leader:

It is an honor to invite you to the Department of Energy Tribal Leaders Summit

Winning Our Energy Future. This is scheduled to take place on Wednesday and Thursday, May 4th and 5th at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel just outside of Washington, D.C., from 8:00AM until 5:00PM. We hope those in attendance find the Summit to be a forum for meaningful dialogue. This is an effort by the Department to ensure the effective implementation of our government-to-government relationship with American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal governments.

This Summit provides an historic opportunity for Department and Tribal leaders to meet at one time in one location to discuss a broad range of energy and environmental issues. The Department first formulated the American Indian and Alaska Native Government Policy in an effort to better communicate with Tribal Nations. I understand the dynamic relationship that exists between Indian Tribes and the Federal Government, and I appreciate the flexibility needed in the implementation of the policy to accommodate the unique needs of Tribes.

Fulfilling the Federal Government's obligations to Indian Nations and Alaska Natives requires a level of interaction and cooperation that this Summit and, I hope, future such events will provide. Success on this front means that the Department and Tribal leaders will develop a framework for discussing important issues for the future.

Leadership and staff at DOE are eager to work closely with the Tribes in an effort to create a partnership to build stronger communities. Working together we can achieve important goals of President Barack Obama's National Energy Policy to the benefit of Tribes and Native Alaskans as well as our Nation as a whole.

Please confirm your attendance by completing the enclosed registration form and emailing to registertribalsummit@hq.doe.gov or faxing it to the attention of Pilar Thomas at (202) 586-5497. All questions can be directed to tribalsummitquestions@hq.doe.gov. Please visit our website at www.energy.gov/indianenergy/tribalsummit.htm for more information including agenda, logistics and FAQs.

We look forward to working with you as we continue our efforts to improve communications and enhance relations between the Department and Indian Country.

Sincerely,

Steven Chu

Enclosure:
Registration Form