

**Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of  
Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery”  
(OMB Control Number: 0917-0036)**

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**TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:** OMB No. 0917-0036 IHS OEHE Customer Satisfaction Survey

**PURPOSE:** The IHS goal is to raise the health status of the American Indian and Alaska Native people to the highest possible level by providing comprehensive health care and preventive health services. To support the IHS mission, the Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) Program provides technical and financial assistance to American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages for cooperative development and continued operation of safe water, wastewater, and solid waste systems and related support facilities

The Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction (DSFC), “Customer Satisfaction Surveys”, will provide the information needed to complete these goals. With the information collected from tribal homeowners, tribal leaders, and tribal operation and maintenance operators the SFC programs will make improvements that will result in improved quality of services.

Voluntary customer satisfaction surveys will be conducted through phone calls, mail, and the internet. The information gathered will be used by agency management and staff to identify strengths and weaknesses in current service provision, to plan and redirect resources, to make improvements that are practical and feasible and, to provide vital feedback to partner agencies, tribal leaders, system operators, health boards, and community members regarding customer satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the SFC program.

**DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:** Tribal homeowners, tribal leaders, and tribal operation and maintenance operators who receive service through or collaborate in the delivery of IHS sanitation projects.

**TYPE OF COLLECTION:** (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Satisfaction Survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Discussion Group                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Group                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                            |

**CERTIFICATION:**

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.
6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

**Personally Identifiable Information:**

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected?  Yes  No
2. If Yes, will any information that is collected be included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974?  Yes  No
3. If Yes, has an up-to-date System of Records Notice (SORN) been published?  Yes  No

**Gifts or Payments:**

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants?  Yes  No

**BURDEN HOURS**

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	Participation Time (Minutes per survey)	Burden (Hours per year)
Tribal Homeowner Survey	1,200	3	60
Tribal Partner Survey	200	3	10
Annual Operator O&M Survey	200	3	10
Post Construction O&M Survey	200	3	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,800</b>		<b>90</b>

**FEDERAL COST:** The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$1,170. DSFC staff can process the survey results at a rate of 100 per hour using a currently available digital tool. At \$65 per hour, the total federal burden to compile the survey results computes to \$65/hour x 1,800/100 surveys = \$1,170. Results will be compiled and analyzed using data system reports that have already been developed.

**If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:**

**The selection of your targeted respondents**

1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?  
 Yes  No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

The respondent universe will be the project participants and homeowners served through the SFC program and the tribal leaders and system operators who collaborate with SFC staff to complete sanitation projects. All Tribal homeowners, tribal leaders, and tribal operation and maintenance operators who receive service through or collaborate in the delivery of IHS sanitation projects will be asked to participate but participation will be voluntary.

### **Administration of the Instrument**

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)

Web-based or other forms of Social Media

Telephone

In-person

Mail

Other, Explain

2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used?  Yes  No

Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.

## **Instructions for completing Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery”**

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**TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:** Provide the name of the collection that is the subject of the request. (e.g. Comment card for soliciting feedback on xxxx)

**PURPOSE:** Provide a brief description of the purpose of this collection and how it will be used. If this is part of a larger study or effort, please include this in your explanation.

**DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:** Provide a brief description of the targeted group or groups for this collection of information. These groups must have experience with the program.

**TYPE OF COLLECTION:** Check one box. If you are requesting approval of other instruments under the generic, you must complete a form for each instrument.

**CERTIFICATION:** Please read the certification carefully. If you incorrectly certify, the collection will be returned as improperly submitted or it will be disapproved.

**Personally Identifiable Information:** Provide answers to the questions. Note: Agencies should only collect PII to the extent necessary, and they should only retain PII for the period of time that is necessary to achieve a specific objective.

**Gifts or Payments:** If you answer yes to the question, please describe the incentive and provide a justification for the amount.

### **BURDEN HOURS:**

**Category of Respondents:** Identify who you expect the respondents to be in terms of the following categories: (1) Individuals or Households; (2) Private Sector; (3) State, local, or tribal governments; or (4) Federal Government. Only one type of respondent can be selected per row.

**No. of Respondents:** Provide an estimate of the Number of respondents.

**Participation Time:** Provide an estimate of the amount of time required for a respondent to participate (e.g. fill out a survey or participate in a focus group)

**Burden:** Provide the Annual burden hours: Multiply the Number of responses and the participation time and divide by 60.

**FEDERAL COST:** Provide an estimate of the annual cost to the Federal government.

### **If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:**

**The selection of your targeted respondents.** Please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them. If the answer is yes, to the first question, you may provide the sampling plan in an attachment.

**Administration of the Instrument:** Identify how the information will be collected. More than one box may be checked. Indicate whether there will be interviewers (e.g. for surveys) or facilitators (e.g., for focus groups) used.

**Submit all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.**