Indian Affairs – Public Health and Safety Needs Assessment_FY23 ⅗

Purpose: The purpose of the Public Health and Safety Needs survey is to identify and prioritize public health issues and needs for your organization. The IA Office of Facilities, Property and Safety Management (OFPSM) Public Health and Safety (PHS) team will use the survey results to develop action plans with your organization's leadership to address the most pressing needs.

Note on COVID-19: The last question below specifically addresses COVID-19 concerns. The other questions are general, to reflect all health and safety concerns beyond COVID-19.

Instructions: Please take a few minutes to complete the questions below to identify your organization's issues and concerns. Please select the topics that you believe are the most pressing or that have the most immediate direct affect to the health of the people at your organization.

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1. What is your organization? *

○ Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) (School, Dormitory, ERC, other)

○ Office of Justice Services (OJS) (District, Office, Detention Center, other)

○ Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) (Agency, Regional Office, other)

○ Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA)

○ Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (AS-IA)

2. If you are a Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) employee, select your organization:

○ Central Office (Director's Office, ADDs, School Operations, etc.)

○ Education Resource Centers

○ Bureau-Operated Schools

○ Tribally Controlled Schools

○ Navajo Schools (Bureau-Operated and Tribally Controlled)

3. If you are an Office of Justice Services (OJS) employee, select your organization:

◯ Headquarters/Central Office

◯ District 1

◯ District 2

◯ District 3

◯ District 4

◯ District 5

◯ District 6

◯ District 7

◯ District 8

◯ District 9

◯   Other

4. If you are a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) employee, select your organization:

○ Headquarters/Central Office

○ Alaska Region

○ Eastern Region

○ Eastern Oklahoma Region

○ Great Plains Region

○ Midwest Region

○ Navajo Region

○ Northwest Region

○ Pacific Region

○ Rocky Mountain Region

○ Southern Plains Region

○ Southwest Region

○ Western Region

5. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: Select up to THREE (3) topics that are the most pressing environmental health concerns for your organization/location.

These topics deal with environmental hazards and controls needed to protect community members and employees.

☐ Ambient Air Quality (Poor outdoor air quality – e.g., ozone action days in response to high levels of ground-level ozone, high levels of fine particulate pollution contributing to haze and unhealthy Air Quality Index days, smoke from wildfires or prescribed burning)

☐ Asbestos (Hazards relating to asbestos-containing materials – e.g., exposed asbestos, damaged asbestos floor tiles or other building materials, asbestos pipe insulation disturbed during repairs or renovation, scheduled inspections)

☐ Drinking Water Quality (Issues relating to drinking water systems - e.g., water testing, water treatment, sanitary surveys, vulnerability assessments, or water-borne disease including bacteria, viruses, lead, chemicals)

☐ Lead (Exposure to lead - e.g., deteriorating lead-based paint in the form of accumulated lead paint chips and dust, lead-contaminated soil, maintenance activities, sources contributing to elevated blood lead levels, lead paint testing, lead in pipes)

☐ Pest Management (Infestation of pests and the corresponding control measures – e.g., rodents, mosquitoes, invasive or harmful plants (such as poison ivy), pesticide usage)

☐ Radiation Hazards and Radon (Exposure to radiation in occupational or residential settings – e.g., radon in homes or employees using x-ray equipment)

☐ Wastewater Treatment and Compliance (Issues with treating or testing wastewater to eliminate pollution sources – e.g., septic tanks/fields, community sewers, or sewer lagoons)

☐ Other

6. PUBLIC HEALTH: Select up to THREE (3) topics that are the most pressing public health concerns for your organization/location.

These topics deal with public health issues and interventions to promote wellness in your community.

☐ Community Illness/Injury Surveillance (Compiling and analyzing data on health issues and/or injuries occurring in the communities we serve – e.g., falls, motor vehicle accidents, chronic conditions such as high blood pressure or overweight/obesity)

☐ Coordination with Tribal or Other Healthcare and Public Health Systems (Building/strengthening connections to relevant resources to support operations - e.g., Indian Health Service or state/local/tribal public health programs)

☐ Employee Wellness Promotion (Information, resources, consultation aimed at promoting employee physical, mental, and emotional wellness – e.g., physical activity, nutrition, stress management)

☐ Food Safety (Concerns for foodborne illness outbreak or safe food handling practices – e.g., missing equipment to maintain cold temperatures or lack of trained food service staff)

☐ Infectious Disease/Injury Prevention, Control and Investigation (Non COVID-19-related) (Developing strategies to reduce communicable disease/injury, and investigating outbreaks/events impacting community health - e.g., hantavirus prevention, disease cluster investigation)

☐ Medical/Human Factors Analysis in Accident Investigation (Assisting investigators to determine potentially medically-related causal factors for accidents – e.g. motor vehicle or aviation mishaps, preventable injuries)

☐ Public Health Needs Assessments (Assisting managers in understanding priorities for their community – e.g., identifying data gaps or priorities for employee/community/client health, identifying strategies to address needs)

☐ School Health Program Development (Addressing student health and wellness concerns through school-based initiatives – e.g., healthy lifestyle education and promotion, mental health counseling, capacity building, extracurricular opportunities)

☐ Other

7. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH: Select up to THREE (3) topics that are the most pressing occupational health concerns for your organization/location.

These topics deal with occupational hazards and controls needed to protect workers in your organization.

☐ Bloodborne Pathogens Program (Infectious disease risks and written exposure plans to protect employees – e.g., emergency first aid or healthcare duties)

☐ Chemical Hazards (Gases, vapors, dusts, fumes, etc. presenting risks to employees during work tasks - e.g., welding fumes or paint vapors, spill kits available, emergency response operations in place, improper storage of hazardous materials or waste)

☐ Confined Space Entry (Occupational spaces not intended for full-time occupancy and with limited means of egress - e.g., sewer manhole or electrical vault)

☐ Ergonomics, Lighting and Workplace Design (fitting the workplace to suit the worker – e.g., computer workstation set-up, minimizing repetitive motion and lifting strain in manual jobs, adequate lighting or lighting issues like glare)

☐ Heat/Cold Stress (Exposure to extreme temperatures in work duties - e.g., heat exhaustion from outdoor work, severe cold temperatures, implementing work-rest cycles during inclement weather)

☐ Indoor Air Quality, Ventilation, and Mold (Poor indoor air quality - e.g., stagnant air from poor ventilation, maintaining proper air exchange rates, chemical odors, excessive dust, elevated humidity, condensation and mold growth, tobacco smoke, emissions from fuel-burning equipment like emergency generators, or other concerns reported by occupants)

☐ Noise and Hearing Conservation (Work tasks generating excessive noise – e.g., firearms training or air compressor use)

☐ Occupational Exposure Assessment (Collecting data to characterize occupational exposures and control them to protect employees - e.g., job hazard analyses, air or surface dust sampling surveys during work tasks)

☐ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (Determining what equipment is needed for job duties and providing the equipment – e.g., selecting safety glasses, hard hats, gloves, etc.)

☐ Respiratory Protection (Determining if respirators are required, selecting a respirator type, fit testing, and medical evaluation – e.g., respirators may be required for painters, pesticide applicators, healthcare workers, etc.)

☐ Other

8. Please rate the following public health and safety program activities according to which activities are already addressed for your organization and which ones may need additional support. Comments on any of the choices below can be entered on the next question.

Rating scale: 1 = this strategy is already addressed for my organization to promote health and safety, additional support is not needed ; 5 = support is needed to adequately address this strategy to promote safety and health for my organization.

	1 - support not needed	2	3 - some support needed	4	5 - support needed
Technical Consultation and Guidance	○	○	○	○	○
Training and Education for Workers	○	○	○	○	○
Public Health Assessments and Inspections	○	○	○	○	○
Collaboration with Public Health and Safety Organizations	○	○	○	○	○
Health and Safety Data to Inform Decision	1 - support not needed ○	2 ○	3 - some support needed ○	4 ○	5 - support needed ○

Decision-
Making

Promotional
Materials for   ○   ○   ○   ○   ○
Health and
Wellness

Written
Program   ○   ○   ○   ○   ○
Development

9. Do you have any other ideas or suggestions for how to improve public health and safety within your organization or location(s)?

    Do not include personally identifiable information (PII) in your response to this question.

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10. For Regional/Central office managers, are there any particular locations (agencies, detention centers, Educational Resource Centers, schools, facilities, etc.) that you feel face greater public health and safety challenges?

    Do not include personally identifiable information (PII) in your response to this question. Please limit your response to THREE locations and please include a brief (~10 words) explanation for each choice.

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11. COVID-19: Do you have any priorities or concerns regarding workplace safety for workplaces operating or re-opening during the pandemic? If at a school, please list any major barriers to reopening. If at a detention center, please list primary concerns for protecting workers and detainees. For all other workplaces, feel free to comment on the major concerns at your organization.

Do not include personally identifiable information (PII) in your response to this question. For up-to-date guidance, see the primary DOI COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/doi-covid-19-workplace-safety-plan.pdf

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