



Indian Health Service
Nashville Area Office
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Nashville, TN 37214

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Dear Nashville Area Tribal Leader:

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Nashville Area Office (NAO) continually seeks to make the best use of our available resources in pursuit of our mission to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. I am writing to initiate tribal consultation to seek your input and feedback regarding NAO emergency management (EM) equipment and supplies, referred to as “cache” in this letter.

In the past, the IHS NAO acquired EM cache through donation from other federal agencies, Project Transam, and non-recurring funding. In recent years, the EM cache has been stored at the Project Transam warehouse in Murfreesboro, TN, and shipped to Tribes in the Nashville Area region, primarily during hurricane season. The Bureau of Indian Affairs covered shipping costs as IHS receives no funding for this purpose. Only five Tribes over the past four years have utilized the EM cache. With limited residual funding, the NAO is unable to maintain and keep the equipment operating properly. This presents an opportunity for the NAO to conclude its former practice of maintaining the EM cache and make a determination of the disposition of the EM cache.

I am requesting your input on the final disposition of the existing EM cache. Options include government-to-government transfer to NAO Tribes, listing on Project Transam to other Tribes, or making it available to other federal agencies. If transferring to Tribes in the Nashville Area and given the limited quantities, please provide input on criteria considerations for choosing the final owners. Attached to this letter is a complete inventory, which includes items such as generators, chainsaws, satellite phones, air scrubbers, and dewatering pumps in limited quantities. Please note the NAO acknowledges there are items in the EM cache that may not be culturally acceptable to receive.

Please provide written comments by Friday, April 26, 2024, by email to charles.woodlee@ihs.gov with a subject line: Emergency Management Tribal Consultation or by mail to my attention at 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Nashville, TN 37214. Should you have any questions about the continued IHS NAO EM functions or related activities, please directly contact CAPT Charles Woodlee by email at charles.woodlee@ihs.gov or by phone at 615-568-7072.

Sincerely,

Beverly Cotton
Nashville Area Director

Attachment: List of Nashville Area Emergency Management Equipment and Supplies

List of Nashville Area Emergency Management Equipment and Supplies

Category	Item	Qty.	Unit of Issue	Notes
Communications	Satellite Phones	6	Each	
Environmental	Generators	25	Each	15KW
Environmental	Telescoping Work Light	35	Each	3-7' tall, 500w x 2 halogen
Environmental	Fuel Cans	43	Each	5 gal
Environmental	Chainsaws	12	Each	20-in bar; Plus Accessories/PPE
Environmental	Air Scrubbers	4	Each	Plus Accessories
Environmental	4" Dewatering Pumps	8	Each	Plus Accessories
Environmental	2" Dewatering Pumps	2	Each	Plus Accessories
Environmental	Water Filter System	3	Each	
Environmental	Sandbags	1	Lot	5000 Each
Environmental	Sandbags	302	Case	100/Case
Medical	Litter/Basket/Stretcher	4	Each	Plus Accessory Bags
Medical	Stretcher/Litter	3	Each	
Medical	Backboard	1	Each	
Medical	Triage Tags	1	Case	
Medical	Body Bags	12	Case	
Miscellaneous	Bullet Heaters	2	Each	170-210K BTU
Miscellaneous	Cargo Trailers	2	Each	Enclosed, 8' x 17', total length 22'
Miscellaneous	Cases (Empty)	3	Each	35"x17"x17.5", heavy plastic
Miscellaneous	Metal JoBox Case	1	Each	30"x16.5"x12"
Miscellaneous	Floor Jacks	3	Each	3 Ton
Miscellaneous	Ladder (telescoping)	1	Each	15 ft
Sheltering	Folding Cots	273	Each	
Sheltering	Folding Cots	1	Lot	50 Each
Sheltering	Disaster Blankets	314	Each	
Sheltering	Sleeping Bags	60	Each	
Sheltering	Tarps	104	Each	16' x 20', with rope
Sheltering	Tent (Large)	1	Each	4 Pallets = 1 Tent
Sheltering	Tent System	1	Each	5 Pallets = 1 Tent (Missing Part)