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ENERGY, INSTALLATIONS,  
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Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Secretary of the Department of Defense, I invite your participation in one of the three virtual, Tribal listening sessions. President Biden signed Executive Order (E.O.) 14096, *Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All*, on April 21, 2023, which requires Federal agencies to update their Environmental Justice (EJ) strategies. DoD has scheduled the following listening sessions to gain Tribal input on the Department's draft goals and overall approach to addressing EJ. I respectfully seek your input on these items, which are included as an attachment to this letter. DoD scheduled the three virtual, regional listening sessions for the following dates and times:

Region	Date	Time (Eastern)	Registration Link
East/ South/ Midwest	June 18, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<a href="https://bahmeet.webex.com/weblink/register/r97ddea53e45037c9dc69ffdf55a88555">https://bahmeet.webex.com/weblink/register/r97ddea53e45037c9dc69ffdf55a88555</a>
Rocky Mountain/ Southwest/ West	June 20, 2024	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<a href="https://bahmeet.webex.com/weblink/register/ra05690199b48929a99fcaec57aa33af2">https://bahmeet.webex.com/weblink/register/ra05690199b48929a99fcaec57aa33af2</a>
Alaska/ Pacific Northwest	June 20, 2024	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<a href="https://bahmeet.webex.com/weblink/register/r411baa6c6cd9fd7e745de2f25f6bdc82">https://bahmeet.webex.com/weblink/register/r411baa6c6cd9fd7e745de2f25f6bdc82</a>

Please register yourself and any other interested individuals for one of the above listening sessions by June 10, 2024. The Department plans to record these sessions to accurately capture inputs on the EJ Strategy. DoD plans to only use the recordings for this purpose. If your Tribe would like to submit written comments to the Department, please submit them to [osd.ejstrategy@mail.mil](mailto:osd.ejstrategy@mail.mil) by July 9, 2024. DoD will review all comments and ensure the plan of action and the implementation strategy reflect the concerns and interests expressed by Tribal Leaders. We hope that you will join us for this very important discussion. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Terry Bowers at [terry.l.bowers14.civ@mail.mil](mailto:terry.l.bowers14.civ@mail.mil).

Sincerely,

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