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Dear Tribal Leader,

We are pleased to share with you the *Drought Planning Handbook: Emergency Drinking Water Supply for California Indian Tribes*, available at the following IHS website: <http://www.ihs.gov/california>. The Handbook is a collaborative effort of the Indian Health Service (IHS), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and 11 other California and federal agencies to enhance cross-agency coordination and readiness in responding to the emergency drinking water supply needs of tribes impacted by our prolonged drought.

This Handbook contains valuable information on the multitude of state and federal agency programs and resources that are available to address emergency drinking water supply issues, through either direct provision of drinking water or indirect means such as technical assistance and coordination. We hope the Handbook will serve as a useful and handy resource for you to identify suitable agency assistance programs in the event the demands for emergency water supply should exceed the response capacity of the Tribe.

If you have any questions regarding a listed agency resource, please contact that agency's designated representative. Inquiries for the IHS can be directed to Mr. Chris Brady at 916-930-3981, ext. 340. Inquiries for the USEPA can be directed to Mr. Andrew Sallach at 415-972-3503.

Sincerely,

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