



**The Secretary of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

July 31, 2015

Dear Tribal Leader:

It is my honor to cordially invite you to the National Tribal Energy Summit September 23-25 at the Capitol Hill Hyatt Regency in Washington, DC. This event is co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Conference of State Legislatures, in collaboration with the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

The National Tribal Energy Summit will be a two-and-a-half day event, with an opening reception the evening of September 23 at the National Museum of the American Indian.

As you are aware, energy security is of particular concern in many Native American communities. In spite of abundant natural resources on Tribal lands, Tribal leaders and their communities face unique and pressing challenges related to energy self-sufficiency and climate preparedness.

The National Tribal Energy Summit will provide a forum for exploring energy development and other important issues that you identify; sharing best practices; and identifying common goals around increased energy innovation and technology deployment on Tribal lands. There will also be special sessions, including one to address DOE's invitation made at the December 2014 Tribal Working Group Summit to assist with financing Tribal energy projects.

The National Tribal Energy Summit will bring together federal agencies, state and Tribal governments, Tribal corporations, private industry, utilities, and academia to support the Obama Administration's long-held priority to assist Tribal efforts to enhance energy security, increase community resiliency, and cultivate a sustainable energy future. Additionally, the National Tribal Energy Summit will:

- Celebrate Tribal successes in clean energy deployment;
- Convene Tribal leaders from across the United States (including Alaska);
- Examine continuing challenges to Tribal participation and jobs in the clean energy economy; and
- Highlight the energy choices Tribal governments will face in the future.

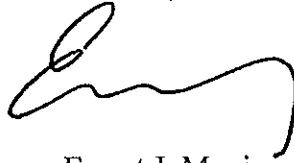
We seek to discuss how together we can achieve the important goals of President Barack Obama's National Energy Policy to the benefit of Tribes, Native Alaskans, and our Nation. Attached, please find a Registration Form, and a Summit and Logistics Overview of the National Tribal Energy Summit.



If you have any questions, please contact Chris Deschene, Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, at [IndianEnergy@Hq.Doe.Gov](mailto:IndianEnergy@Hq.Doe.Gov), or visit the Summit website at [www.ncsl.org/tribalenergy](http://www.ncsl.org/tribalenergy) for more information.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2015 National Tribal Energy Summit and continuing our dialogue about the future of Indian Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernest J. Moniz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ernest J. Moniz

Enclosures