



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Office of Native Affairs and Policy

Subject line: June 17, 2024, Virtual Tribal Consultation and Listening Session on Proposed MEP Event Code

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

We are pleased to announce that on **Monday, June 17, 2024**, the FCC's Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) will hold a virtual Tribal Consultation and Listening Session from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. EDT.

To register for this event, please visit the [ONAP event registration page](#) and fill out the requested information. After you register, you will receive an email confirming your registration with instructions for joining the session.

About this Event

This Tribal Consultation and Listening Session will focus on the Commission's [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NPRM) proposing that a new "Missing and Endangered Persons" (MEP) event code be added to the nation's Emergency Alert System. Further information about the FCC's MEP event code proceeding can be found online at www.fcc.gov/MEP.

ONAP was directed by the Commission to coordinate Tribal consultation on the NPRM to facilitate substantive engagement with federally recognized Indian Tribes and Alaska Native villages. In addition to Tribal leaders, this consultation may be of special interest to Tribal law enforcement personnel; social services; communications and broadcasting personnel; public safety and emergency management personnel; and other interested representatives from your Nation.

Entering Statements into the Formal Record

As part of the consultation process, Tribal leaders will be invited to present statements and comments which, at the option of the Tribal leader, ONAP will enter into the formal record for the proceeding with the goal of ensuring that the FCC considers Tribal input on this important issue.

We invite Tribal leaders to send written versions of their statements regarding the FCC's proposal in advance of the June 17th virtual consultation, if possible, or after the consultation. Please send statements to Native@fcc.gov which is an email inbox monitored by ONAP staff.

There will be time on the agenda for a discussion and listening session for other Tribal representatives after Tribal leaders have presented their statements and comments during the consultation. ONAP staff will provide a summary of comments made by such participants for the official record, in accordance with the Commission's rules for *ex parte* presentations in permit but disclose proceedings.

Filing Public Comments

We also encourage you to submit written comments directly to the docket for this proceeding via the FCC's [Electronic Comment Filing System](#), using the following docket numbers: [PS 15-91](#) and [PS 15-94](#). The NPRM was published in the Federal Register on April 18, 2024, announcing that public comments were due **May 20, 2024**, and reply comments are due **June 17, 2024**.

If you have questions or seek further information please write to Native@fcc.gov, or visit www.fcc.gov/office-native-affairs-and-policy.

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