



# NRC Tribal Liaison Program

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# Background

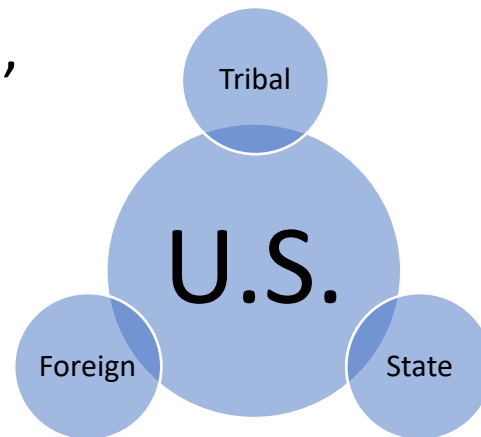


- In 2017, the NRC published the [Tribal Policy Statement](#), which is centered on the following principles:
  - The NRC recognizes the Federal trust relationship with and will uphold its trust responsibility to Tribal Nations
  - The NRC recognizes and is committed to a government-to-government relationship with Tribal Nations
  - The NRC will conduct outreach to Tribal Nations
  - The NRC will engage in timely consultation, as applicable
  - The NRC will coordinate with other Federal agencies, as applicable
  - The NRC will encourage participation by State-recognized Tribes
- These principles guide the NRC's government to government interactions with the Tribal Nations
- The NRC does its part in implementing this duty in the context of our jurisdiction and in honoring treaties

# Trust Responsibility to Tribes



- U.S. has a Trust Responsibility to protect Tribal treaty rights, lands, assets, and resources
- The U.S. Constitution recognizes four Sovereign governmental entities.



- NRC fulfills its Trust Responsibility
  - through implementation of the principles of the Tribal Policy Statement
  - by providing protections under its implementing regulations, and
  - through recognition of additional obligations consistent with other applicable treaties and statutory authorities

# NRC Tribal Liaison Program

The Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) manages the NRC Tribal Liaison Program

Existing guidance:

- Tribal Protocol Manual
- Manage Directive 5.1 Consultation and Coordination with Governments and Indian Tribes
- TR-100 Tribal Liaison Roles and Responsibilities

## Tribal Liaisons

### Regional State Liaison Officers (RSLO)

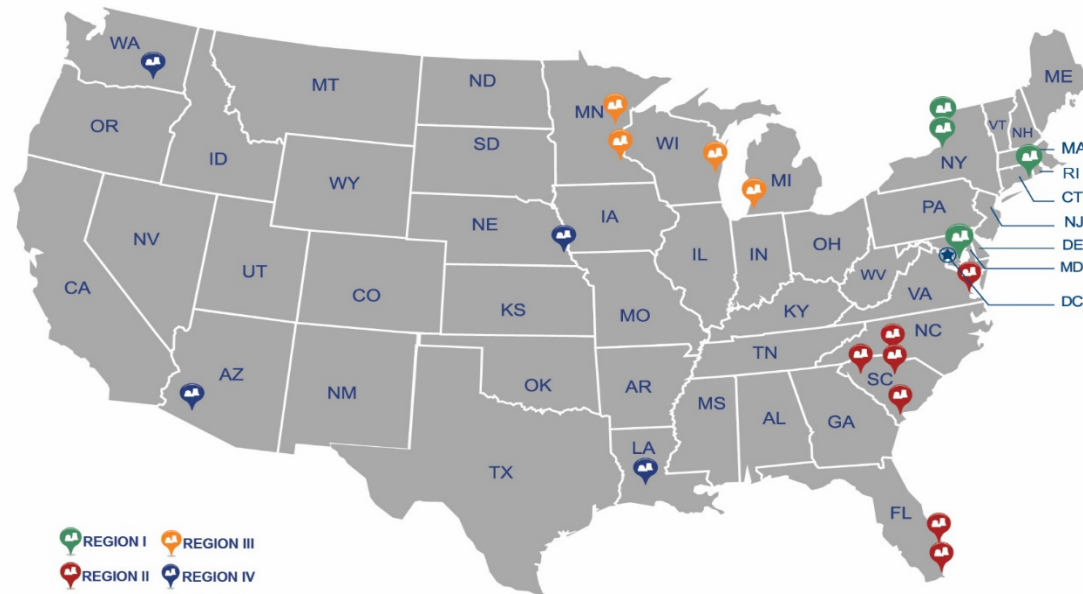
The importance of this program and relationship comes with the fact that **many Tribal Nations are impacted by the NRC's regulatory activities.**





# Tribal Nations & Reactor Facilities

**Native American Reservations and Trust Lands within  
Approximately 50 miles of an Operating Nuclear Power Plant**



REGION I  
REGION II  
REGION III  
REGION IV

## ARIZONA

### Palo Verde

Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Gila River Reservation  
Tohono O'odham Trust Land

## CONNECTICUT

### Millstone

Mohegan Reservation  
Mashantucket Pequot Reservation  
Narragansett Reservation  
Shinnecock Indian Nation

## FLORIDA

### St. Lucie

Brighton Reservation  
(Seminole Tribes of Florida)  
Fort Pierce Reservation

### Turkey Point

Hollywood Reservation  
(Seminole Tribes of Florida)  
Miccosukee Reservation  
Miccosukee Trust Land

## LOUISIANA

### River Bend

Tunica-Biloxi Reservation

## MARYLAND

### Calvert Cliffs

Rappahannock Tribe  
Upper Mattaponi Tribe

## MICHIGAN

### DC Cook

Pokagon Reservation  
Pokagon Trust Land

## MINNESOTA

### Monticello

Shakopee Community  
Shakopee Trust Land  
Mille Lacs Reservation

### Prairie Island

Prairie Island Community\*  
Prairie Island Trust Land\*  
Shakopee Community  
Shakopee Trust Land

## NEBRASKA

### Cooper

Sac & Fox Trust Land  
Sac & Fox Reservation  
Iowa Reservation  
Iowa Trust Land  
Kickapoo

## NEW YORK

### FitzPatrick

Onondaga Reservation  
Oneida Reservation

### Nine Mile Point

Onondaga Reservation  
Oneida Reservation

## NORTH CAROLINA

### McGuire

Catawba Reservation

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### Catawba

Catawba Reservation

### Oconee

Eastern Cherokee Reservation

### Summer

Catawba Reservation

## VIRGINIA

### Surry

Pamunkey Reservation  
Chickahominy Indian Tribe  
Chickahominy Indian Tribe  
—Eastern Division  
Nansemond Indian Tribe  
Upper Mattaponi Tribe

## WASHINGTON

### Columbia

Yakama Reservation  
Yakama Trust Land  
Umatilla Trust Land

## WISCONSIN

### Point Beach

Oneida Trust Land  
Oneida Reservation



## U.S. Domestic Sovereign Nations: *Land Areas of Federally Recognized Tribes*

But Tribal Lands are vast  
and wide...as are NRC  
licensed activities!





# How does the NRC interact with Tribes?

- Interaction with Tribes can take many different forms. Interactions may be verbal or written, and meetings can be remote. Examples:
  - Outreach
  - Consultation
  - Coordination
  - Training
  - Information Exchanges
- Examples of NRC Tribal engagements
  - Agreement States
  - Rulemaking
  - Low Level Waste Disposal
  - Operating Reactors and New Reactors
  - License Renewal



# Consultation



National  
Historic  
Preservation  
Act Section  
106

- Required by NHPA
- NRC consults with Tribes for regulatory activities that meet the definition of a federal undertaking that has potential to affect historic properties.
- NEPA – NUREG 1555, NUREG 1748

Tribal Policy  
Statement

- Flexibility to engage in consultation on issues that have direct effect on a Tribe but would not trigger a requirement for consultation under the NHPA as a federal undertaking.
- Tribes can request consultation under TPS.
- Consultation guidance is in the planning.



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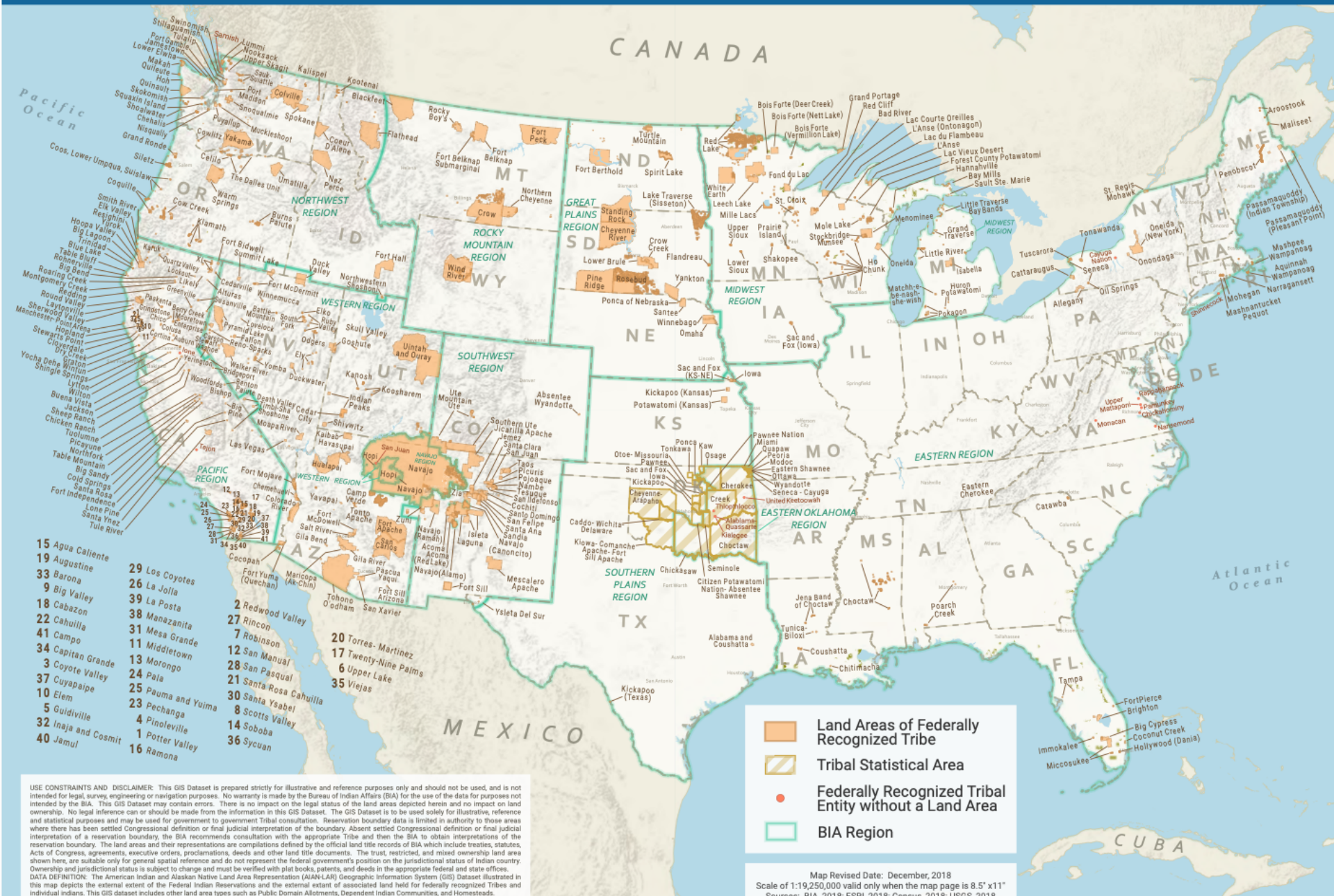
# Additional References



- Tribal Toolbox Website
  - <https://tribal.nrc.gov/>
- Tribal Policy Statement ([82 FR 2402](#))
  - <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/state-tribal/tps.html>
- Tribal Protocol Manual
  - <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/state-tribal/tpm.html>
- Key Difference in Tribal Consultation between the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 and the NRC's Tribal Policy Statement
  - [NRC's Tribal Consultation Information Tool \( ML23019A328\)](#)
- Tribal Advance Notification (of Spent Nuclear Fuel Shipments)
  - <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/state-tribal/tribal-advance-notification.html>



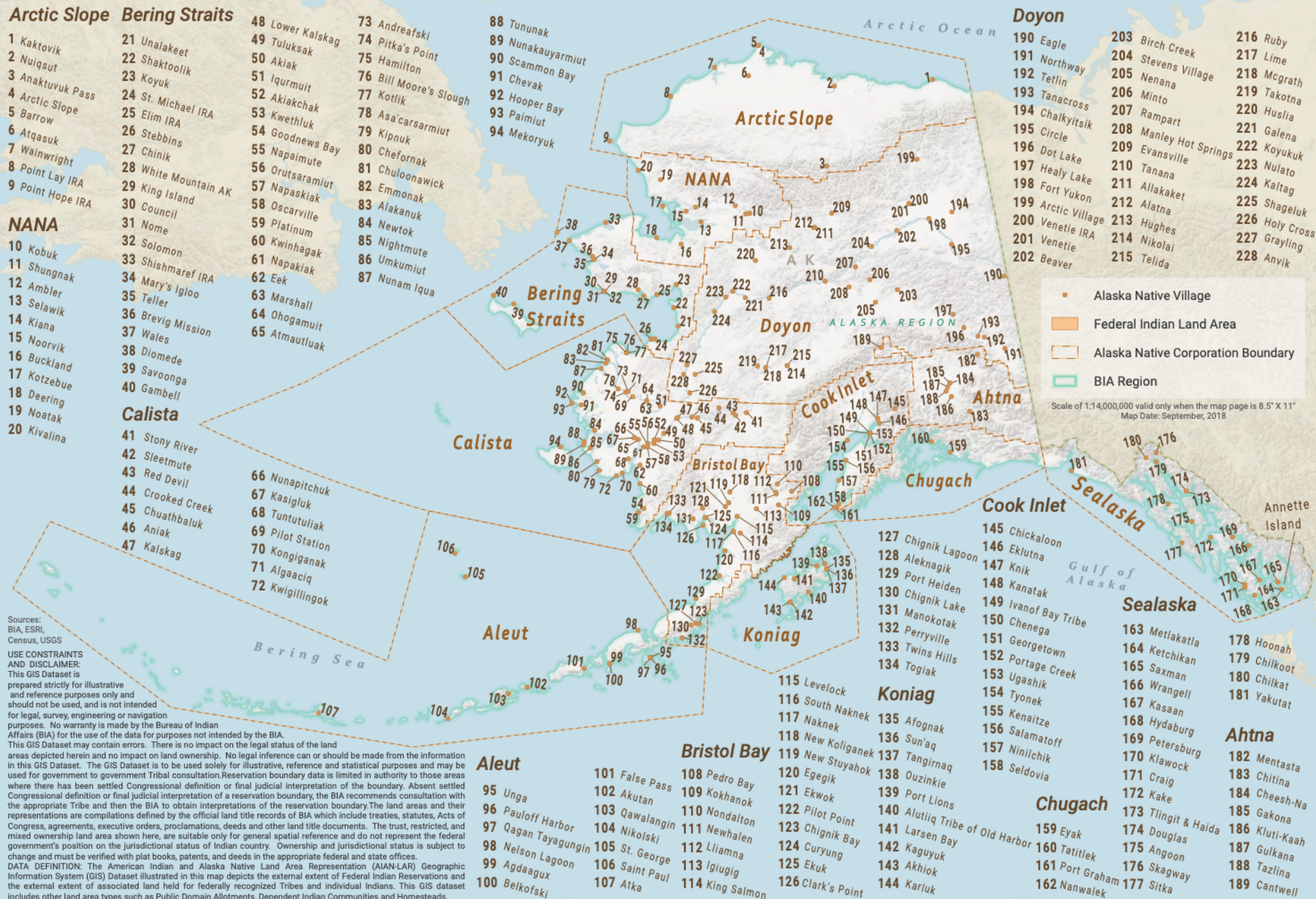
## U.S. Domestic Sovereign Nations: *Land Areas of Federally Recognized Tribes*







# U.S. Domestic Sovereign Nations: Alaska Native Federal Land Areas



# License Reviews

- The NRC also upholds the statutory obligation to consult with Federally recognized Tribes under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which is intended to protect historic properties that may be affected by a Federal undertaking.

