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**HIGH RISK
LIST**

Improving Federal Management of Programs That Serve Tribes and Their Members

We are considering designating a new high-risk area focused on improving federal management of programs that serve Tribes and their members.

Our prior work, along with work conducted by others, have found that the BIA, BIE, and IHS have ineffectively administered and implemented education and healthcare programs, and BIA has mismanaged Indian energy resources held in trust.

Future updates to the High Risk List will track federal agencies' progress in improving their administration and implementation of these programs.

The report should be publicly available on February 15, 2017, at www.gao.gov.

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INDIAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Poor Management by
BIA Has Hindered
Energy Development
on Indian Lands



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INDIAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Additional Actions by
Federal Agencies Are
Needed to Overcome
Factors Hindering
Development

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CURRENT REVIEW

- Request from Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- Use of existing authorities and contracting opportunities to assume greater control and decision-making over energy related activities or similar activities.
- Reasons why Tribal nations have used some existing authorities and not others.
- Actions by federal agencies to assist interested Tribal nations build capacity needed to assume greater control and decision-making over energy related activities.

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For more information:

- GAO's work on Indian education, contact Melissa Emrey-Arras at EmreyarrasM@gao.gov
- GAO's work on Indian healthcare, contact Kathleen King at KingK@gao.gov
- GAO's work on Indian energy topics, contact Frank Rusco at RuscoF@gao.gov

To share your thoughts regarding GAO's ongoing review focused on *Tribal Control of Energy Resources, Development, and Delivery*, contact Jay Spaan at SpaanJ@gao.gov, 214-777-5636 (office), or 214-693-9002 (cell).