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Section 106 Regulations Analysis



**MEETING**  
**NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 6, 2023**  
**1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. EDT**

Join ZoomGov Meeting:

<https://achp.zoomgov.com/j/1604606544?pwd=NXJ6aHVXWTBaWDRBWmRGd2RZMXZpUT09>

Meeting ID: 160 460 6544

Passcode: 813020

Dial in: (669) 254-5252

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
- II. ACHP Policy Statement on Indigenous Knowledge and Historic Preservation
- III. Implementing the ACHP's Policy Statement Regarding Burial Sites, Human Remains, and Funerary Objects
- IV. Salish Kootenai College Weekly Modules
- V. Analysis of the Section 106 Regulations, 36 CFR Part 800
- VI. Other Updates
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**UPDATE ON MAJOR ACTIVITIES**  
**Office of Native American Affairs**  
**March—July 2023**

***United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.*** The ACHP co-sponsored a side event, [“Advancing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”](#), during the 22nd session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at United Nations Headquarters, New York City. This event was co-sponsored by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), University of Colorado Law School (CU Law), the National Congress of American Indians, and The National American Indian Court Judges Association. Speakers discussed the current state of advancing the UN Declaration including at the Tribal, state, and federal levels. An example of free, prior, and informed consent negotiated between the Quinault Tribe and Washington state was discussed along with recent efforts by the ACHP to incorporate articles of the Declaration in the recently adopted Policy Statement on Burial Sites, Human Remains, and Funerary Objects. Presenters also identified the Implementation Project, a joint CU Law and NARF product, as an example of the types of inter-organization collaboration necessary to advance application of the Declaration in an efficient and effective manner.

***2023 CalTHPO-SHPO Summit: Protecting Tribal Knowledge.*** Chair Sara Bronin, Reid Nelson, and Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA) staff provided updates to Indian Tribes, State Historic Preservation Office staff, and federal and state agency personnel at the 2023 CalTHPO-SHPO Conference hosted by the Pala Band of Mission Indians. The ACHP presentation spoke to policy initiatives, funding priorities, and cross-agency collaboration on Appendix C updates, broadband, and infrastructure projects. ONAA staff also presented with White House Council Office on Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) staff about recent [government-wide guidance on the incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge into federal decision making](#). ONAA staff discussed the role of Indigenous Knowledge throughout the Section 106 process and ways the ACHP has incorporated government-wide guidance into the development of ACHP initiatives, including policy statements.

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