

National Indian Health Board



Tribal Public and Environmental Health Think Tank

The [Tribal Public and Environmental Health Think Tank](#) is a work group composed of professionals with diverse backgrounds in Tribal public and environmental health. Convened by the American Public Health Association's Center for Public Health Policy, with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Think Tank elevates the voices of Tribal communities that confront unique environmental and public health challenges. Through this collaboration a report was designed to discuss *Priorities in Tribal Public Health* that revolve around the following six priority public and environmental health issues facing Tribal communities:

1. Food sovereignty and access
2. Infrastructure and systems development
3. Climate and health
4. Resource extraction
5. Clean air
6. Clean water

The report also highlights some of the deeply rooted historical, political, social and cultural contexts that affect Tribal health and well-being. By acknowledging these upstream factors, the document gives hope that partners can better work with Tribes to address the resulting Tribal public and environmental health concerns. The report concludes with guidance for national nonprofit organizations, federal agencies and community groups to establish more effective relationships with Tribal governments and Tribal-serving organizations. Through efforts to build understanding of Tribal public and environmental health issues and increase support for initiatives addressing these concerns, Tribal communities can have a healthier future while preserving their cultural traditions and practices.