November 29, 2022

To: All Department Managers and Program Directors

From: Joe Davis, Chairman

Subject: Mandatory Participation of the Local Emergency Planning Committee

I want to emphasize the requirement of all Tribal Managers and Directors that are notified of activities related to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. This participation is mandatory and required in order for the Tribe to maintain its compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Since October 1, 2005, all 56 States, Territories and Tribes are required to meet NIMS implementation requirements to be eligible to receive Federal preparedness assistance in the form of grants, cooperative agreements and direct contracts. Local Emergency Planning Committee’s (LEPC’s) participate by assisting in the preparation of emergency response plans that the Tribe has developed and must review and update periodically.

I have been made aware that our Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan is being looked at and need to be resubmitted in order for us to be NIMS compliant. The Tribal Council has through resolution mandated that the Tribal Government will be compliant with NIMs and have adopted that.

Starting December 13th, the LEPC will meet the second Tuesday of every month, 10AM at the emergency operations center/training facility located at the Fire Department & Office of Emergency Services.

Please remember that for the tribe, these meetings are mandatory and will require your participation to be effective. Please attend or send someone from your department that has authority to make decisions for your program.