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# Formal Relationship Since 1992

- **Tribal Sovereignty Defines the Relationship**
- **Sovereignty Basis for Establishing Treaties**
- **Government-to-Government Relationship**
- **581 Federally Recognized Tribes**

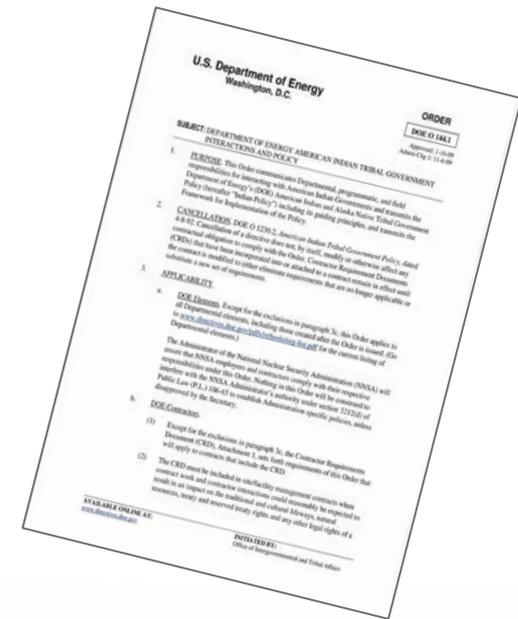




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- ***Shoshone-Bannock Tribes- Briefed on ALL Major Actives on the INL***
- ***Tribes Participated in Decision Process***
- ***Department Formally Consults in Order to Mitigate Problems with Tribes***





- ***DOE American Indian Program Defined by:***
  - ***DOE American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Government Policy***
  - ***DOE Order 144.1***
    - ***Implementing Order for the Tribal Government Policy***
  - ***DOE Order 1220.1A***
    - ***Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs – Defines Government-to-Government Relationship***
  - ***Executive Order 13175***
    - ***Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments***

# DOE-IDAHO PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

- **AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE**
- **Memorandum of Understanding – Middle Butte Cave Access**
- **Ground Water Sampling Agreement**
- **“New” Agreement - Cave Access - Bat White Nose Syndrome**

