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## National American Indian Housing Council

NAIHC, a not-for-profit organization, assists tribes and tribal housing entities in reaching their self-determined goals of providing culturally relevant, decent, safe, sanitary and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities and Alaska Native Villages.

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### **A RUNDOWN ON RECENT RULEMAKING**

#### **Proposed Rule: Use of Indian Housing Block Grant Funds for Rental Assistance for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits**

Summary: To amend regulations to allow IHBG funds to be used for project-based or tenant-based rental assistance. Rental assistance may be provided in accordance with the 1937 Act on behalf of a tenant receiving assistance under NAHASDA. (72 Federal Register 31944, June 8, 2007) Found at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-11054.pdf>

*Comments Due: August 7, 2007*

#### **Proposed Rule: American Indian and Alaska Native Policy Statement**

Summary: In preparation for the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau has drafted an American Indian and Alaska Native policy statement and is requesting public comment on it. The policy outlines nine principles by which Census will interact with tribal governments, affirming the unique government-to-government relationship. (72 Federal Register 28952, May 23, 2007) Found at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-9893.pdf>

*Comments Due: July 23, 2007*

#### **What you can do:**

Review and submit your comments on these in accordance with instructions in the notices.

#### **Final Rule: Self-Insurance Plans Under the Indian Housing Block Grant Program**

Summary: To establish standards by which IHBG recipients can purchase insurance through non-profit insurance entities owned and controlled by Indian tribes and TDHEs. (72 Federal Register 29738, May 29, 2007). Found at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/e7-10176.pdf>

*Effective Date: June 28, 2007*