

**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States**  
**Remote Oversight Hearing - Cisco WebEx**  
**April 21, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Oversight Hearing on “*Infrastructure in Indigenous Communities:  
Priorities for the American Jobs Plan*”**

**Questions from Rep. Westerman** for Andrew Joseph, Jr., Council Member, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

1. The Colville tribe’s application for IHS Joint Venture construction program was selected in 2020.

Question: While this is undoubtedly good news for the Colville tribe, what other challenges remain?

2. In your testimony, you call on IHS to work with tribes to update its facility construction methodology.

Question: In your view, what factors should the IHS consider in the development of a new construction methodology?

3. It is well documented that IHS facilities a myriad of barriers to being able to provide adequate care.

Question: Is housing a barrier for tribes like yours in recruiting health care providers?

4. Significant backlogs of healthcare and sanitation facilities construction continue to grow year after year.

Question: If Congress is able provide investment in healthcare and sanitation facilities construction as part of an Infrastructure package, do you think equal weight should be given to facility replacement, or maintenance & repair?