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TO: Vernon Haragara, Administrator, Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs, 8API

FROM: W.D. Anderson, District Inspector General for Audit, 8AGA

SUBJECT: Turtle Mountain Housing Authority
Housing Development Program
Belcourt, North Dakota

We have completed a limited review of the Housing Development Program being carried out by the Turtle Mountain Housing Authority, Belcourt, North Dakota. This review was as a result of a Congressional inquiry and was limited to possible waiting list violations and deficiencies with two housing development projects. Our review was to identify and evaluate any deficiencies.

The Housing Authority was not maintaining the Housing Development Program waiting list in accordance with HUD and the local Housing Authority policies. We also found that recently developed Mutual Help houses did not have adequate ventilation systems causing excessively high humidity inside the houses. The high humidity conditions are causing damage to the houses. There were also other construction deficiencies that had not yet been corrected by the Housing Authority.