

## ABOUT THE ... NATIONAL NAGPRA PROGRAM

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The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) is a Federal law passed in 1990. NAGPRA provides a process for museums and Federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items -- human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony - to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

The National NAGPRA program assists the Secretary of the Interior with some of the Secretary's responsibilities under NAGPRA, and focuses on NAGPRA implementation outside of the National Park System.

Among its chief activities, National NAGPRA develops regulations and guidance for implementing NAGPRA; provides administrative and staff support for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee; assists Indian tribes, Native Alaskan villages and corporations, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, and Federal agencies with the NAGPRA process; maintains the Native American Consultation Database (NACD) and other online databases; provides training; manages a grants program; and makes program documents and publications available on the Web.

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## National NAGPRA Review Committee

### About the Review Committee

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee was established under NAGPRA "to monitor and review the implementation of the inventory and identification process and repatriation activities." They have requested that information on compliance with the law be maintained and they make annual reports to Congress. They also hear disputes on factual matters to resolve repatriation issues between Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations. The Review Committee is an advisory body under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Questions regarding Federal agency procedural practice are addressed by the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 501 et seq. Review Committee members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior from nominations by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, traditional Native American religious leaders, national museum organizations, and scientific organizations. Review Committee information includes:

Membership

Announcements (including upcoming meetings)

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Procedures

Meeting Minutes

Findings and Recommendations

Reports to the Congress

The National NAGPRA program provides administrative and staff support to the review committee on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior. The Manager, National NAGPRA program, serves as the Review Committee's Designated Federal Officer.

**National NAGPRA Review Committee Roster**

August 2005

PURPOSE: Monitor and review the implementation of the inventory and identification process and repatriation activities required under the Inventory, Summary, and Repatriation sections of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

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