

## **U.S. Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs**

### **NAGPRA Activities and Accomplishments (current as of April 2012)**

- During FY 2011, IA published, jointly with its non-Federal repository partners, five Notices of Inventory Completion accounting for a total of 247 individual sets of human remains and 1,632 associated funerary objects. In FY 2012 (through the end of March), IA published three Notices of Inventory Completion accounting for a total of 1,173 individual sets of human remains and 1,732 associated funerary objects.
- IA published two Notices of Intent to Repatriate in FY 2011, accounting for 185 unassociated funerary objects and one sacred object, and one Notice of Intent to Repatriate in March 2012, accounting for 1,124 unassociated funerary objects.
- In FY 2011 and early FY 2012, repatriation was completed for:
  - 345 individual sets of human remains;
  - 1,860 associated funerary objects;
  - 185 unassociated funerary objects; and
  - one sacred object.
- To date, IA has published notices accounting for:
  - 2,003 individual sets of human remains;
  - 13,813 associated funerary objects;
  - 26,331 unassociated funerary objects; and
  - four sacred objects.
- To date, IA has repatriated 821 individual sets of human remains and 11,839 associated funerary objects. The human remains and funerary objects still in repository collections remain because the affected tribe has not yet made arrangements for repatriation. IA requests annual updates from repositories to determine the status of repatriation of all items that have been published in notices.
- IA maintains active contracts with the Arizona State Museum, Nevada State Museum, Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, and Northern Arizona University to conduct NAGPRA-related work. IA has requested proposals from other repositories to complete the work necessary to publish notices and repatriate NAGPRA items.
- In FY 2011, IA worked with the Arizona State Museum and the Hopi, Zuni, and White Mountain Apache tribes to repatriate a significant number of human remains and funerary objects. A second repatriation took place during the first quarter of FY 2012, and a third is planned for late May 2012 during which 1,148 individual sets of human remains and 2,827 funerary objects will be reburied.
- The IA Manual chapter (policy) on NAGPRA – establishing the specific requirements and responsibilities of IA headquarters and field staff in the protection and repatriation of NAGPRA items – was approved in March 2012. The chapter is available at: [www.indianaffairs.gov/idc/groups/xraca/documents/text/idc017217.pdf](http://www.indianaffairs.gov/idc/groups/xraca/documents/text/idc017217.pdf)
- Through its unique trust responsibility for tribal and allotted Indian lands, IA has responsibility and control of most NAGPRA cultural items, as well as archaeological materials, removed from these lands. Because of the applicability of other Federal laws, the full extent of this responsibility is still being determined by DOI's Office of the Solicitor.

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