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This figure represents 0.002 percent of the total funds provided by Congress. After 5 years of close out work, on September 30, 2016, the IHS returned to the U.S. Treasury \$3,818,000, about 0.14 percent of the total annual appropriations funding provided for FY 2011 activities.

Total annual appropriations returned by the IHS to the U.S. Treasury at the close of each expenditure period from FY 2006 through FY 2011 include the following:

<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>
\$1,620,000	\$787,000	\$2,920,000	\$1,562,000	\$2,289,000	\$3,818,000

These returns represent just a fraction of a percent of the IHS's total appropriated funding, and the IHS generally spent its appropriations during the period of time for which Congress allowed the IHS to enter into obligations and make expenditures with the funding.

The Federal funding process can be very complex and technical, and is easily misunderstood. I can assure you, however, that the IHS is doing our best to make full use of the funds provided by Congress.

We are working hard to continue improving our financial planning processes and systems, to ensure our finances are transparent and accountable. This FY, we began implementation of a standardized and more automated process for financial planning, which builds on existing planning activities to strengthen accountability within all levels of the Agency and promote a more coordinated approach.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in improving the quality of care provided to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Sincerely,



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