President Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Michael D. Weahkee for IHS Director, Other Nomination Updates

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On Tuesday, October 22, the White House announced on its website the President's intent to nominate Michael D. Weahkee to the post of Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS). Rear Admiral Weahkee has served as Principal Deputy Director and Acting Director of IHS and also as Assistant Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Services at the Department of Health and Human Services. RADM Weahkee previously served as the chief executive officer at the Phoenix Medical Center.

In addition, on Wednesday, October 23, sources including Politico and Bloomberg Government reported that President Trump plans to nominate Stephen M. Hahn to the post of Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, pending clearance of a background check. Hahn currently serves as a radiation oncologist at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.