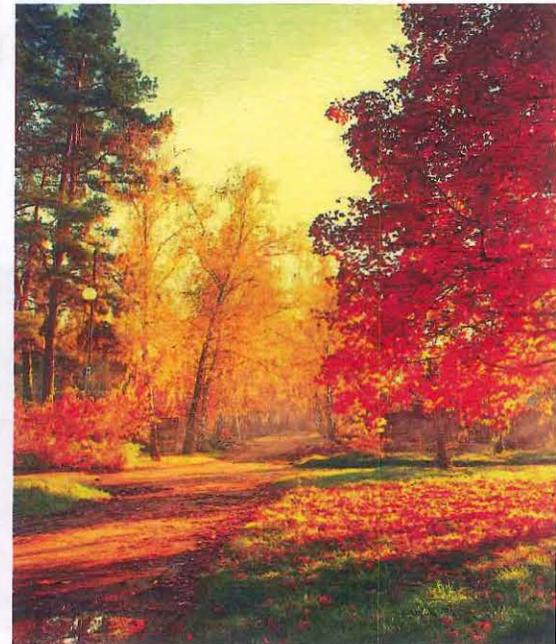
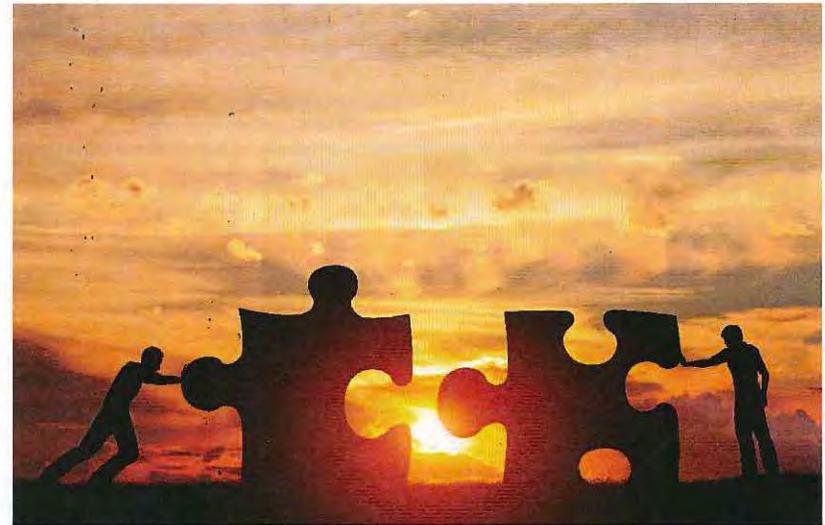


TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

THE CALUMET NEIGHBORHOOD AND
THE USS LEAD REFINERY SUPERFUND SITE



TODAY'S PRESENTATION



PURPOSE

To discuss potential technical assistance opportunities and help ensure the community is engaged and informed throughout the Superfund process, also to share other resources that are available to the community.

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Superfund Community Involvement
- Technical Assistance Overview

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

- Technical Assistance Needs Assessments (TANAs)
- Community Advisory Groups (CAGs)
- Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) Program
- Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs)
- Conflict Prevention and Resolution Services (CPRS)



SUPERFUND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



- People deserve a say in decisions that affect their lives
- People have important information that can inform decision-making
- Community involvement results in better outcomes for everyone

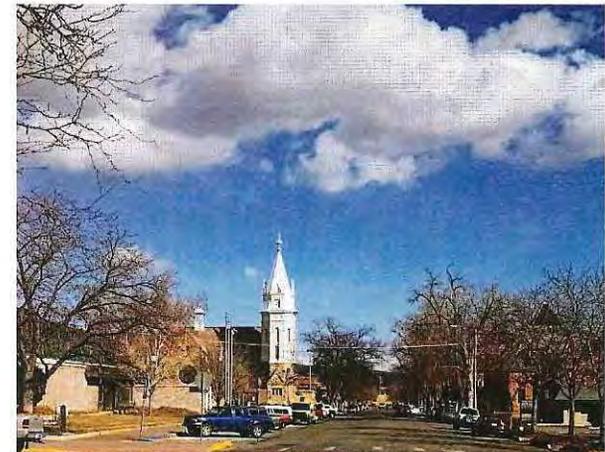


SUPERFUND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- To help people better understand technical issues related to Superfund site investigations and cleanup
 - With this assistance, communities are then in a better position to share their concerns and priorities with EPA
 - A variety of technical assistance opportunities are available to the community
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GETTING STARTED: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

- Process to identify whether a community requires additional support:
 - Understanding technical information
 - Meaningfully participating in the Superfund process
- Can be conducted by EPA site team or contractor
- Informed by discussions with community members
- Results: prioritized list of technical needs and recommendations for ways to meet needs
- **How to request: community discussions with EPA site team**



AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES: COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS (CAGs)

- Forum for community discussion
- CAG advises EPA on community concerns and recommendations
- Can be formed anytime during cleanup process
- May not be appropriate for every site
- EPA can help with group formation, or evaluate if an existing broad-based group might function as a CAG
- **How to request: community discussions with EPA site team**



COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS (CAGs): *CAG CREATION*

- CAG information meeting to introduce CAG concept to the community
- News releases and information sharing to get the word out
- Goal is fully operational CAG within six months of initial meeting
- EPA can assist community with determining CAG size and membership



COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS (CAGs): *CAG CONSIDERATIONS*

- *Membership:* CAG should reflect the composition of the community near the site and the diversity of racial, ethnic, and economic interests in the community
 - *Size:* typically 12 to 15 members
 - *Selection Method:* because each community is unique, membership selection methods will vary; key is ensuring that the CAG will be fully representative of the community and will function effectively as a group
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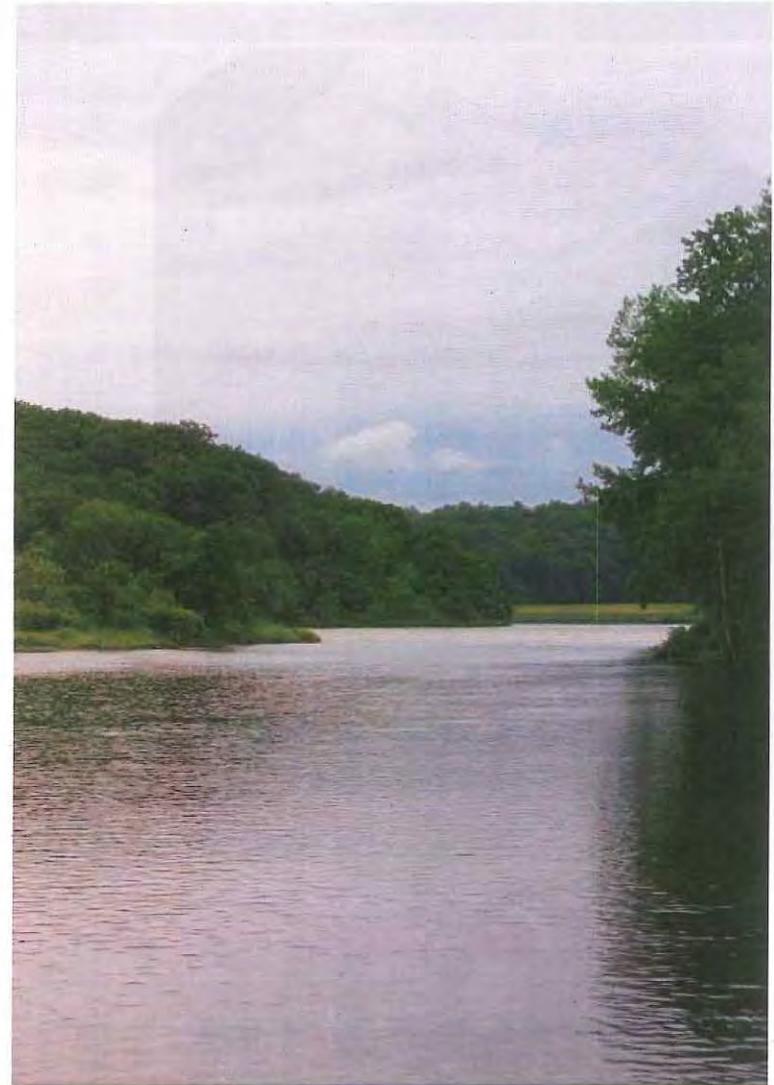
COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS (CAGs): CAG MEMBER TRAINING AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- *Training:*
CAG members may require initial training to enable them to perform their duties; EPA works with agencies, local governments and others to provide training, prepare briefing materials and conduct site tours for new CAGs
 - *Responsibilities:*
Participate in CAG meetings, provide feedback to EPA on site issues, share information with their fellow community members

Must be prepared to fairly and honestly represent the views of the community members they represent as well as their own views
 - *Management:*
CAG Chairperson often selected to guide CAG meetings for set period
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COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS (CAGs): *CAG OPERATIONS*

- *Initial Activities:*
Mission statement, set of procedures to guide day-to-day operations
- *CAG Meetings:*
Open to the public, meeting details and format based on site and community needs
- *EPA Assistance:*
Administrative support, translation and meeting facilitation services



AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR COMMUNITIES (TASC) PROGRAM



- Independent, non-advocacy assistance
- Range of services
- No costs or administration responsibilities for community
- TASC provides services through a national EPA contract

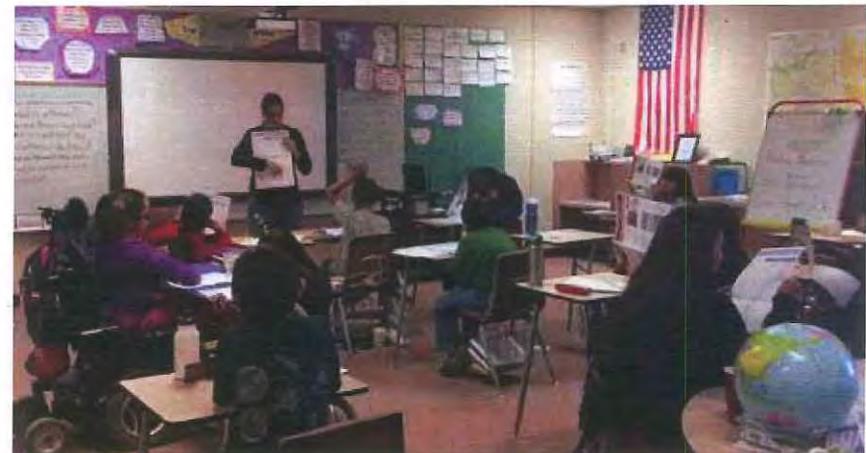
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AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES: TASC PROGRAM SERVICES



- Community trainings
- Reviews and explanations of technical information
- Educational presentations
- Technical Assistance Needs Assessments (TANAs)
- Support for Community Advisory Group (CAG) formation
- Meeting facilitation
- Outreach materials
- Superfund Job Training Initiative (SuperJTI)



AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS (TAGs)



- An eligible group (incorporated) applies to EPA for grant money to fund group-chosen technical advisor
 - Initial grant up to \$50,000
 - Technical advisor assists the group in understanding cleanup
 - Group provides grant administration
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- **How to request: community discussions with EPA site team**

AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES:
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS (TAGs)



- Communities contract their technical advisors
- Best for communities that can handle grant administration
- Best for communities that want to choose their advisor
- For longer-term needs

AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS (TAGs)



Application Process

- Follows TAG and federal grant regulations, and EPA grant policies
- Group meets minimum eligibility requirements
- Letter of intent (LOI) and federal grant application package
- Applications reviewed by EPA staff (site team, TAG coordinator, grant specialist)
- Award recommended by program and finalized by regional grants office
- Generally 90 days or more from LOI to award

COMPARISON CHART: TAG AND TASC SERVICES

	TAGs	TASC
Types of Assistance	Focus on technical advising	Technical advising, basic facilitation (agenda mgmt.), preparation of educational materials
Eligibility	Non-profit incorporated community group	Any community-based group; projects serve entire community
Contribution	20 percent match by community group	None
Selection of Advisor	Community hires advisor	TASC selects appropriate advisor
Implementation Time	Application process takes some time (months)	Responsive turnaround (weeks)
Administration	Community responsible for management	EPA managed

CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION SERVICES (CPRS)

- Public participation and stakeholder involvement
- Consensus building and collaborative processes
- Expert services in conflict and issues assessment
- Alternative dispute resolution



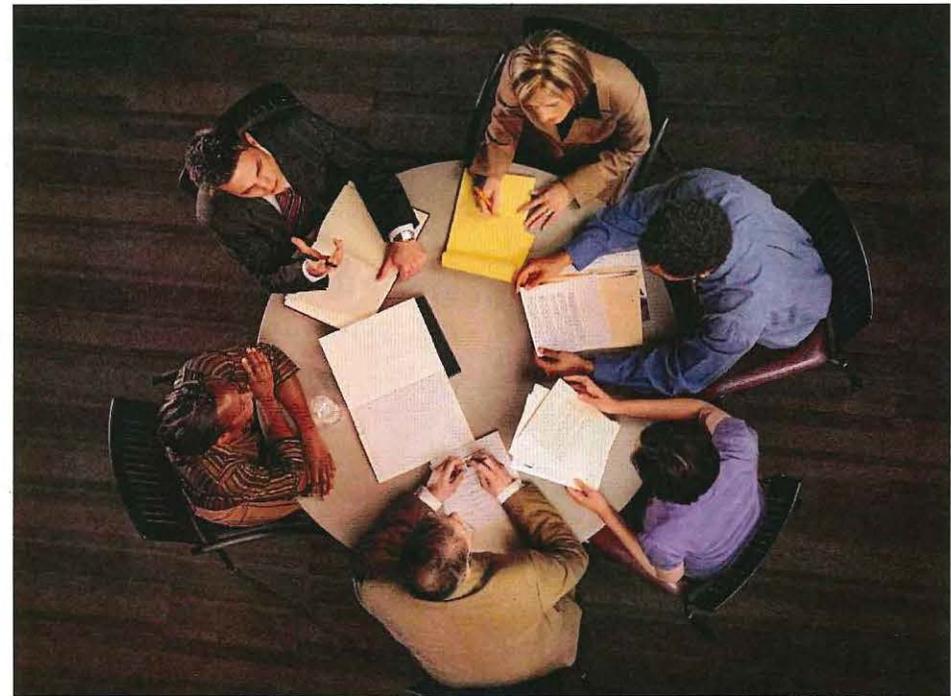
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CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION SERVICES (CPRS)

- Professional neutral facilitators for community meetings, workshops, CAGs, for short term or longer term input or dialogue to bring together community representatives with widely varying points of view
 - Assistance in managing complex community dynamics or dialogues
 - Situation assessments to analyze sources of stress or strain, dissent or dispute; to assist in organization or reorganization of CAGs struggling with organizational issues or internal stresses
 - Facilitation of potentially contentious discussions or meetings or complex outreach processes
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GROUP DISCUSSION: *GETTING INVOLVED*

- What lessons have you learned from other community involvement experiences?
- What technical assistance services and approaches might make sense for the community?
- What kind(s) of technical assistance would be most useful?



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

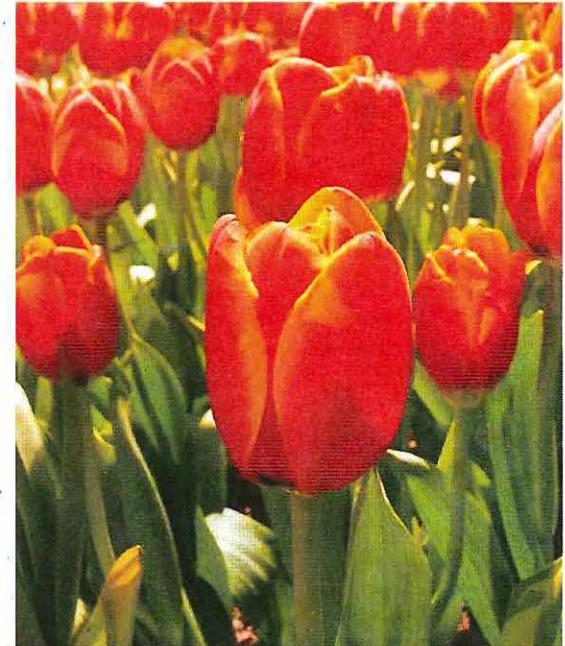


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