

What is TASC?

Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) is a new program to provide unbiased educational and technical assistance to communities affected by hazardous waste sites regulated by the Superfund and RCRA programs. This program, developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), can help your community by providing experts to explain hazardous waste problems and EPA's plans to clean up the waste. EPA offers this assistance to help your community understand hazardous waste issues better, so your community can participate in the decision-making process more effectively.



How can TASC help my community?

TASC provides technical assistance to help your community better understand and become involved in the cleanup



process for hazardous waste sites. This assistance is provided by independent, unbiased technical experts, who can:

- ◆ Answer questions about exposure to hazardous waste and the potential health effects.
- ◆ Educate your community on the scientific, engineering, health, or economic concepts related to the cleanup of hazardous waste.
- ◆ Help your community to better understand cleanup technologies and their effectiveness.
- ◆ Explain the cleanup process and how to become involved in the process.
- ◆ Assist your community in identifying possible land reuse or redevelopment options.
- ◆ Provide job training through the Superfund Job Training Initiative (SuperJTI).

What type of services does TASC provide?

TASC services are unique for each community. Depending upon the needs of your community, TASC services may include:

- ◆ Reviewing, interpreting, and explaining technical materials in an understandable way.
- ◆ Preparing training materials for seminars and workshops and teaching these sessions.
- ◆ Meeting with your community to answer questions and to listen to your concerns.
- ◆ Preparing understandable fact sheets, brochures, technical summaries, maps, diagrams, models, or other visual aids.
- ◆ Translating educational, outreach, and technical documents into other languages.



- ◆ Planning and holding meetings to help your community determine how to use the land once it is cleaned up.
- ◆ Training community leaders on hazardous waste issues so they can explain these issues to your community.

Who are the experts that provide the technical assistance?

The technical experts available through TASC are environmental engineers and scientists from private companies and universities. Often these individuals live in the same city as the community requesting help through TASC. These individuals are part of a network of experts EPA has contracted with to provide technical assistance services.

How can I get TASC assistance?

Contact the representative from your EPA Regional Office. A list of contacts is provided on the other side of this document. After this initial discussion, you will need to request TASC support in a letter.



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For more information or to request help, contact the EPA Regional TASC representative in your area (see below) or visit the TASC website. <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tasc>.

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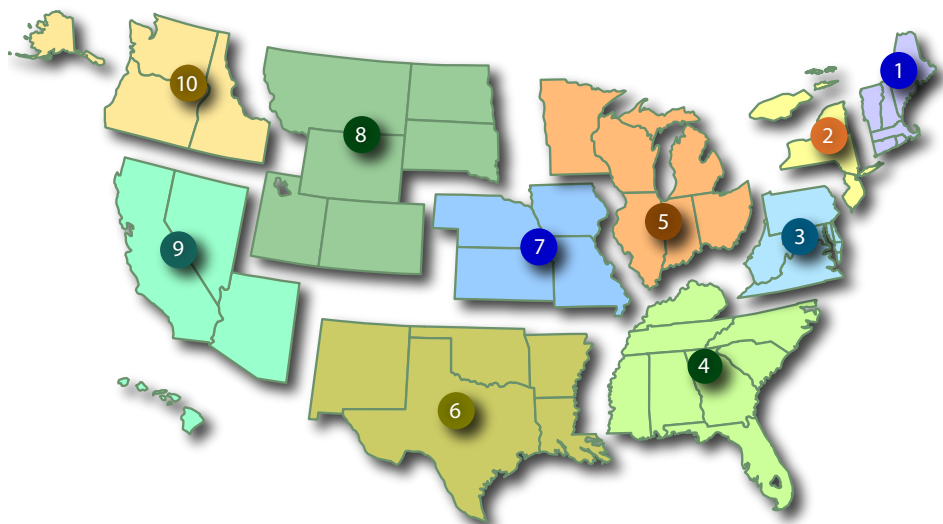
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- *Is there a hazardous waste site in your community?*
- *Are you concerned about how the hazardous waste can affect your family's health?*
- *Do you have questions about the risks of the hazardous waste?*
- *Do you need help interpreting technical information about the hazardous waste or the cleanup process?*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new program, Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) can help your community deal with these questions.