



Technical Assistance Services for Communities

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and Yosemite Slough sites

For discussion at Community Meeting on November 17, 2014

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Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) is a national EPA program to help people understand complex environmental issues and ensure meaningful community involvement in environmental decision-making. TASC is implemented by independent technical and environmental consultants.

Needs Assessment Purpose

EPA Region 9 has asked TASC consultants to conduct a Technical Assistance Needs Assessment (TANA) for the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and Yosemite Slough sites to better understand community needs and identify what additional activities and support might be needed to encourage meaningful community involvement in the Superfund decision-making process. By outlining recommendations to address the broad needs of diverse community stakeholders, TANAs are the gateway to EPA's technical assistance services.

Needs Assessment Steps and Outcome

1. Preliminary information gathering
2. Stakeholder discussions (conducted by EPA)
Stakeholders may include:
 - Elected representatives
 - City staff
 - Site owners and operators
 - Business representatives
 - Local residents
 - Local organizations
3. Community-wide technical assistance needs discussion
4. Draft summary report, including:
 - Site background information
 - A summary of considerations gathered during the interviews
 - List of technical assistance needs
 - Recommendations



What Types of Services Does TASC Provide?

- Community training
- Educational presentations
- Reviewing and explaining technical information
- Facilitating community meetings
- Developing information materials for communities

Who Provides the Technical Assistance?

The TASC program provides services through a national EPA contract. Under the contract, a contractor provides scientists, engineers and other professionals to review and explain information. Depending on the technical assistance needs, TASC may identify other agencies and programs to help meet specific technical assistance needs.

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