



ANACONDA / YERINGTON MINE

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Yerington, Nevada

Technical Assistance Plan for the Anaconda Mine Site

The Technical Assistance Plan (TAP) for the Anaconda Mine site makes \$50,000 in funding available to an eligible community group for the services of a technical advisor. The purpose of hiring such an advisor is to help the group better understand site documents and then share the knowledge gained with the community-at-large. Funding for the TAP comes from the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC) as part of a legal agreement with EPA. This funding mechanism is one of the main differences between a TAP and a federal Technical Assistance Grant (TAG). However, most requirements and restrictions for TAGs also apply to TAPs.

Who is eligible for the TAP?

- Community group affected by the site and representative of affected community
- Group able to share information with broader community

Who is *not* eligible for the TAP?

- Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) for the site, represents PRP or receives money from PRP
- Affiliate of national organization
- Academic institution
- Political subdivision
- Tribal government
- Group established or sustained by entities listed above or have members who represent entities listed above

On what may TAP money be spent?

- Services of independent technical advisor to help interpret and comment on site-related documents
- Disseminating site information to community-at-large

On what may TAP money *not* be spent?

- Developing new information
- Activities related to lawsuits, other legal actions or attorney fees
- Group members' travel, tuition, training
- Political activity, lobbying
- Group activities such as parties, celebrations
- Reopening or challenging final EPA decisions
- Epidemiological or health studies

What's the process for applying for and awarding TAP funding?

- Interested group sends Letter of Intent to EPA
- EPA publishes notice in local newspaper stating group's interest, notifying other interested groups to form coalition or submit their own LOI within 30 days
- Group(s) submit TAP application(s) for EPA evaluation and award decision

Community Meeting

**Thursday, January 22, 2009
7:00 pm**

Yerington Elementary School
112 N. California St.

Please come and get an update on what has been happening at the mine site and what is in the works for the future. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and have a dialogue on any site-related issues. You'll also hear about the Technical Assistance Plan that makes funding available to an eligible community group to hire a technical advisor. We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd.

What if no group applies for the TAP funding?

- Funds remain available with no expiration date

How can I get more information on the TAP?

- Technical Assistance Grants Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tag/index.htm>
- EPA website under "Legal Documents": www.epa.gov/region09/anaconda
- Lyon County Library (see Anaconda or Yerington Mine site documents)
- Contact Vicki Rosen, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator: (415) 972-3244 or rosen.vicki@epa.gov

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For More Information

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