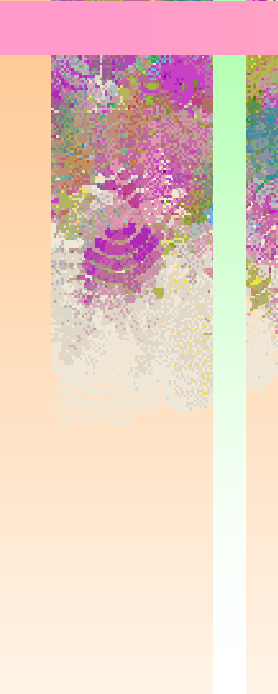




Technical Assistance for Public Participation



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TAPP History

- **In 1996, DoD was authorized to develop a program to provide technical assistance to RAB community members (section 324 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1996.**
- **DoD promulgated a final rule (subsection (e) of 10 USC Section 2705) which made community members of RAB eligible to request technical assistance from private sector sources.**

Purpose

- **Assist RAB community members in obtaining “...independent assistance in interpreting scientific and engineering data related to env hazards and cleanup at DON installations with env. restoration programs”.**

Goal

- **Enhance the public's ability to participate in the decision making process by improving their understanding of overall conditions and responses.**

Participation Criteria

- **Community members may request independent technical assistance if:**
 - **Parties responsible for overseeing env restoration at the installation do not have the needed expertise ... OR**
 - **The technical assistance will contribute to the efficiency, effectiveness or timeliness of the restoration activities and contribute to the community acceptance.**



Eligible Activities

- **Technical document interpretation**
- **Technology Assessment**
- **Participation in relative risk site evaluations**
- **Understanding of Health Implications**
- **Technical training on specific restoration issues**

Ineligible Activities

- **Payment of attorney fees or litigation preparation**
- **Political activity or lobbying**
- **Generation of new primary data**
- **Epidemiological or Health studies**
- **Reopening final DON decisions**
- **Community outreach activities**

TAPP Process

- **Eligibility**
 - **Only RAB members may apply**
 - **Request must be approved by a majority vote of community members**
- **Funding**
 - **Centrally managed by CNO**
 - **25% per FY or 1% of total restoration cost to complete (whichever is less)**
 - **\$100,000 ceiling at each installation**

Application Process

- **Determine eligibility and explore alternative funding**
- **Prepare and submit TAPP request to the Installation Commander**
- **Installation Commander review and endorse and submit to CNO for approval**
- **Receive technical assistance**
- **Fulfill Reporting Requirements.**