New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Technical Assistance Grant

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A technical assistance grant provides funding to a nonprofit community group to employ an independent technical advisor to perform activities designed to help improve a community's understanding of the environmental conditions at, and remediation of, a contaminated site.

These activities include:

- Interpreting and explaining technical reports
- Monitoring site conditions
- Evaluating proposed remedial actions

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- Amount not to exceed \$10,000 per remediation phase for:
 - Remedial Investigation
 - Remedial Action
- One TAG per contaminated site

Eligible Activities

- A technical advisor can help the group in many ways, including:
 - (1) reviewing technical reports and data prepared by the person responsible for conducting the remediation;
 - (2) participating in public meetings to help clarify information about site conditions;
 - (3) evaluating potential impacts of the remediation on the community; and
 - (4) interpreting site information that is ancillary to the remediation, such as public health or redevelopment, if these issues are relevant.

Ineligible Activities

- The community group and/or technical advisor cannot use TAG funds for:
 - (1) lawsuits or other legal actions;
 - (2) political activity and lobbying;
 - (3) social, ceremonial and amusement activities and related costs;
 - (4) group members' training and travel;
 - (5) generation of new primary data such as well drilling and sampling;
 - (6) resolving disputes with DEP; or
 - (7) epidemiological or health studies, such as urine or blood testing.

TAG Guidance Documents http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/srra/

- Guidance for Technical Assistance Grants
- Technical Assistance Grant Application Form
- Technical Assistance Grant Cost Guide
- Technical Assistance Grant Project Summary Sheets