



FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP TRCs AND RABs BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING ISSUES UNDERLYING AN INSTALLATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.

How Can You Get Involved in a RAB?

Most installations that have cleanup programs also have established RABs. This is especially true at closing installations. For more information about forming or participating in a RAB, please contact the Public Affairs Office at your local installation or consult the Directory of Restoration Advisory Boards, available on the World Wide Web at:

Technical Assistance for Public Participation is a new DoD program to provide a mechanism for community members of Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs) and Technical Review Committees (TRCs) to obtain technical assistance to help them understand and provide input into DoD's environmental restoration program.

TAPP AT A GLANCE

- COMMUNITY MEMBERS DESIGN PROJECT AND AID IN SELECTION OF PROVIDER.
- GOVERNMENT PURCHASE ORDERS PROCURE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
- MAXIMUM OF \$25,000/YEAR.

How Does TAPP Work?

The community members of RABs or TRCs decide on a task that will help them participate more effectively in the environmental restoration program at an installation and apply for assistance through the DoD Co-Chair. DoD takes care of the administrative end — preparing a Statement of Work and procuring a technical assistance provider.

The community members of the RAB or TRC may be called upon to support the procurement process by reviewing and providing comment on potential providers should more than one meet the established criteria. Because the TAPP program takes advantage of an accelerated procurement procedure using purchase orders, support should be available within a very short time after establishing the need.

TAPP Is:

- A WAY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT FOR THOSE RABs AND TRCs THAT DESIRE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
- A MEANS FOR RABs AND TRCs TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE RESTORATION PROGRAM.
- A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM USING PURCHASE ORDERS TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF RABs OR TRCs.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- REVIEW OF RESTORATION DOCUMENTS
- REVIEW OF PROPOSED REMEDIAL TECHNOLOGIES
- INTERPRETING HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS
- PARTICIPATING IN RELATIVE RISK EVALUATIONS
- CERTAIN TYPES OF TECHNICAL TRAINING

TAPP Is Not:

- A REQUIREMENT FOR RABs OR TRCs TO ABANDON EXISTING WORKING RELATIONSHIPS OR METHODS OF OBTAINING MEANINGFUL TECHNICAL SUPPORT.
- A GRANT TO RABs OR TRCs, NOR A BLANK CHECK TO USE AT THEIR DISCRETION.
- A MEANS FOR RABs OR TRCs TO PERFORM SAMPLING OR OTHER FUNCTIONS THAT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE INSTALLATION.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- POLITICAL ACTIVITY/LOBBYING
- GENERATION OF NEW DATA
- REOPENING DoD FINAL DECISIONS
- EPIDEMIOLOGICAL OR HEALTH STUDIES
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

<http://www.dtic.mil/envirodod/envrab.html>

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