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Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

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TAPP History and Purpose

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- 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 RABs eligible to request technical assistance from private-sector sources.



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Purpose of TAPP

- Assist RAB community members in obtaining "...independent assistance in interpreting scientific and engineering data related to environmental hazards and restoration at DON installations with environmental restoration programs".



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Goal of TAPP



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



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TAPP Participation Criteria

- Community members may request independent technical assistance if:
 - the parties responsible for overseeing environmental restoration at the installation do not have the needed expertise ...OR...
 - the technical assistance will contribute to the efficiency, effectiveness, or timeliness of the environmental restoration activities...AND...
 - it is likely to contribute to the community acceptance of these activities.



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Examples of Eligible Activities



- Technical document interpretation
- Technology assessment
- Participation in relative risk site evaluations
- Understanding of health implications
- Technical training on specific restoration issues

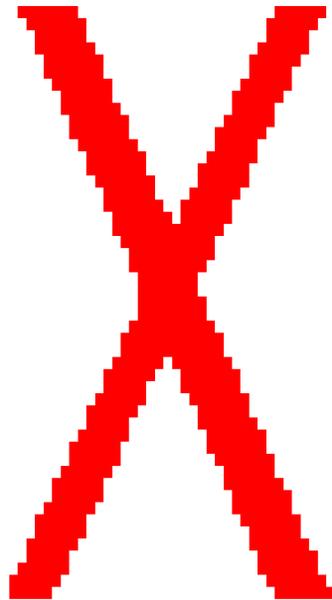


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Examples of Ineligible Activities



- Payment of attorney fees or litigation preparation
- Political activity or lobbying
- Generation of new primary data
- Epidemiological or health studies
- Reopening final DoN/DoD decisions
- Community outreach activities



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TAPP Process



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- Eligibility:
 - Only RAB community members may apply
 - Request must be approved by a majority of the RAB community members
- Funding:
 - Centrally managed by CNO
 - May not exceed:
 - \$25,000 per fiscal year, or
 - 1% of the installation's total projected environmental restoration cost to complete (whichever is less), and \$100,000 over the life of the environmental restoration program at the installation.



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Application Process



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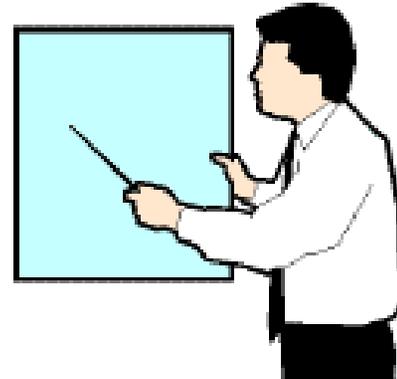
Determine the eligibility of a project for TAPP assistance and explore alternative funding

Prepare and submit TAPP request to the Installation Commander

The Installation commander will review and endorse the TAPP application, and submit it to CNO for approval

Receive technical assistance from DON or private sector

Fulfill Reporting Requirements





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