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A Superfund Site In My "Backyard"!

What Can I Do?

Do you know how to get information on the cleanup of a hazardous waste site in your community? The Superfund program provides extensive opportunities for community involvement in the cleanup process. Groups are being established to give communities an organized voice in decisions about site cleanup. Grants to assist communities are more accessible. Pilot programs are established to involve communities earlier in the site cleanup process. You may live near one of the more than 1,300 sites on the National Priorities List (NPL), EPA's roster of the nation's most serious, uncontrolled, or abandoned hazardous waste sites eligible for cleanup under the Superfund program.

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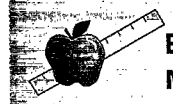
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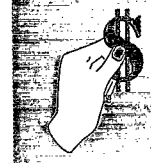
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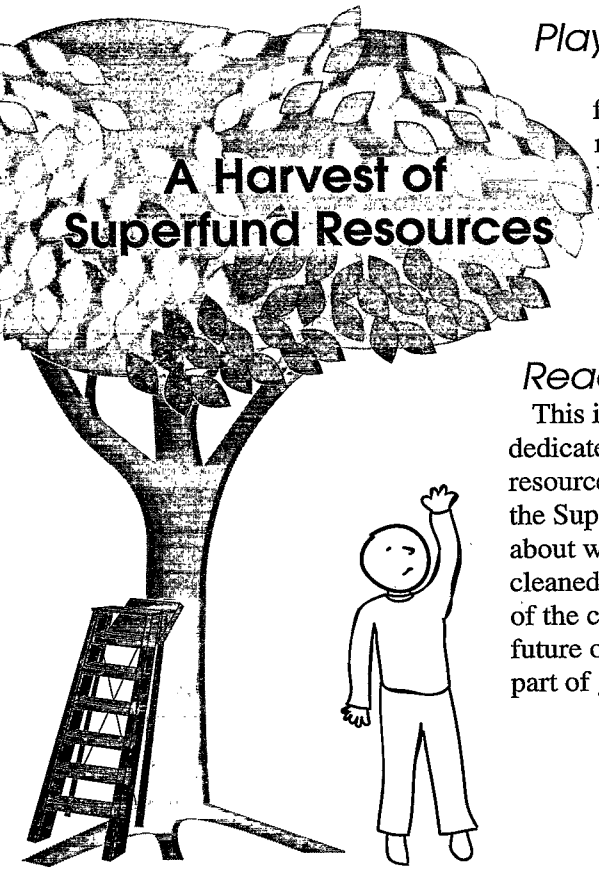


Playing an Active Role

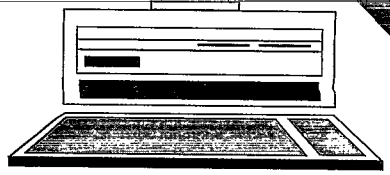
As a concerned citizen, you know that the first step toward effective community involvement begins with getting quality information. EPA and Superfund have a collection of resources to provide communities information on a variety of topics. You can take advantage of these resources and become a part of the effort to clean up the environment.

Reaching Valuable Resources

This issue of *Superfund Today* is a fold-out poster dedicated to helping you reach and use these valuable resources. When you have questions, you need to know where to get answers. What is the Superfund program? How does the cleanup process work? Where can you find out about what is going on at a site? How can you get involved to help choose how a site is cleaned up? What health concerns should you be aware of? What are the health effects of the chemicals found at the site? How can you get involved with deciding about the future of the cleaned site? This guide can help you gather the answers you need to be a part of getting the cleanup job done. ❑

Site Repositories/Administrative Records

Public buildings that house all site-related information on NPL sites. You can also find information on chemicals used in your community at your local fire department. Your Regional CIC can direct you to a repository near you; see map below for the CICs' phone numbers and addresses.



HELPFUL DOCUMENTS

Catalog of Superfund Program Information Products

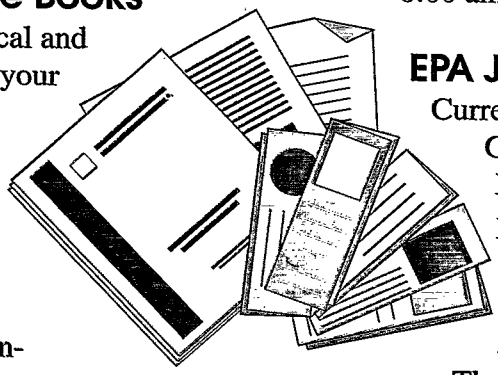
List of all published Superfund documents.
NTIS Order #: PB 95-173290.

Common Cleanup Methods at Superfund Sites

Explanation of cleanup technologies used at Superfund sites.
NTIS Order #: PR1018.

National Priorities List State Books

Site fact sheets highlighting historical and cleanup information on the sites in your state.
NTIS Order #: PB 95-962901 (set of 50 state books).



HELP! EPA Resources for Small Governments

Who in EPA can assist small governments?
GPO Order #: 055-000-00393-9; GPO Phone: (202) 512-1800, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.

Access EPA

Complete guide to EPA's hotlines, databases, information services, and more. NTIS Order #: PB 95-255782.

Terms of Environment-Glossary, Abbreviations, and Acronyms

Glossary of acronyms and technical terms.
Office of Communications, Education, and Public Affairs, Phone: (202) 260-2069, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.

Science Advisory Board (SAB) Reports

Scientific and engineering reports on risk assessment and risk management topics. Document numbers vary; Science Advisory Board, Phone: (202) 260-8414, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.

EPA Journal

Current news on environmental issues.
GPO Order #: 755-001-0000-7; GPO Phone: (202) 512-1800, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.

Environmental Enforcement: A Citizen's Guide

The environmental enforcement process explained. NTIS Order #: PB 90-267402.

Superfund at Work

Bulletins highlighting site history, activities, and accomplishments at Superfund sites. NTIS Order # varies.

Technology Innovation Office Reports

Variety of publications covering innovative treatment technologies. Contact (703) 603-9910 for a bibliography of available reports, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.

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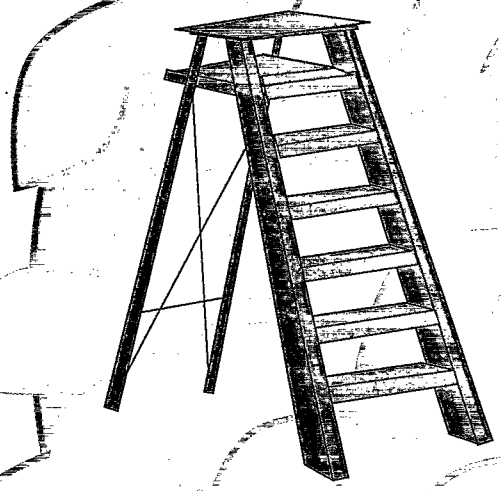
FIRST STEPS

Regional Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs)

Your Regional point of contact for special and site-specific information. See map below for the phone number and address of your Regional CIC.



Public Information Center (PIC)

Refers calls and letters, distributes general-interest items, and operates a visitors' center for the public. For a PIC in your Region, contact your Regional CIC (see map below for the phone number and address). For the PIC in Washington, D.C. call: (202) 260-2080/7751; 8:00 am - 5:30 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.

Superfund Document Center

Houses public materials concerning the Superfund program, including Superfund laws and regulations and a list of the most serious abandoned hazardous waste sites. Call: (703) 603-9232, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern; document viewing by appointment only.

National Technical Information Service (NTIS)

Central source for purchasing Superfund and other government documents.
Phone: (703) 487-4650, Rush Service: (800) 553-NTIS, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Superfund Automated Phone System

An interactive phone/fax system providing information on obtaining hazardous waste data from several Superfund databases. For free faxed or mailed information, call (800) 775-5037 or (202) 260-8321 at any time.

Envirofacts

Internet access to integrated data from four major EPA program systems containing information on water-discharge permits, hazardous waste site assessment and cleanup, toxic chemicals and compounds, and hazardous waste management. Access World Wide Web address http://www.epa.doc under Databases and Systems.

Landview II

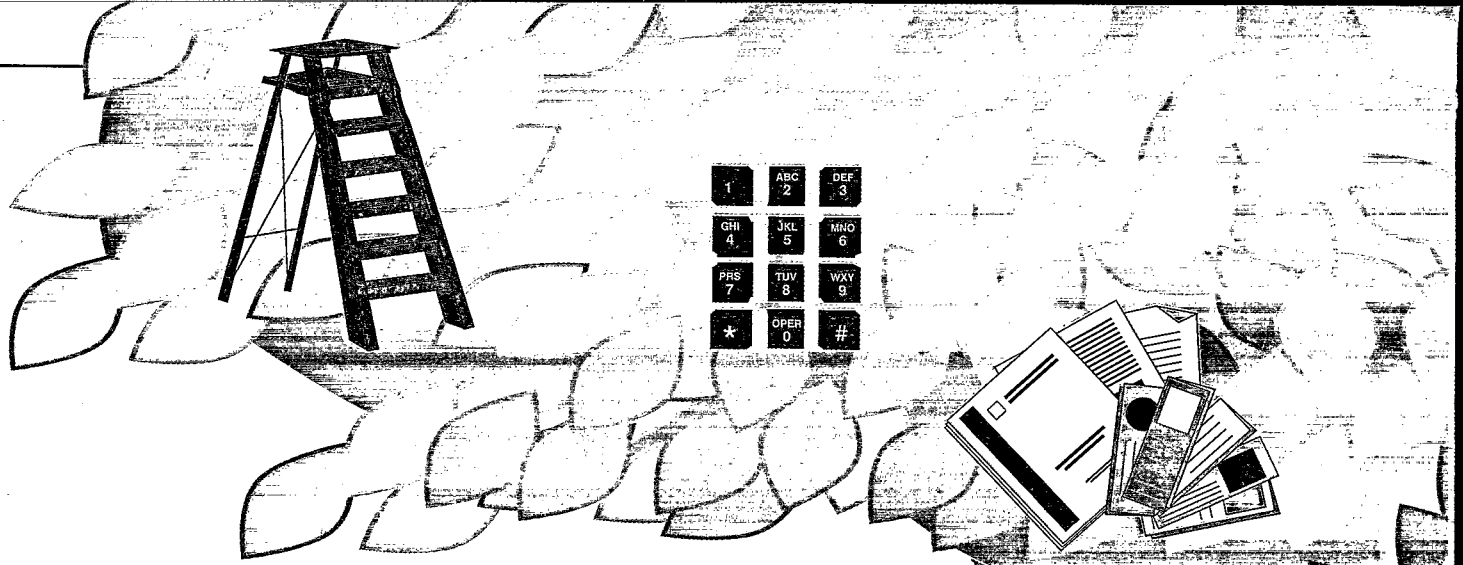
An easy-to-use, electronic atlas, published on ten CD-ROMs. Landview II plots demographic, environmental, and political data at any map scale. For ordering information, contact the Bureau of the Census Customer Service at (301) 457-4100, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.

FedWorld

Gateway to more than 100 federally operated computer bulletin boards containing detailed programs, databases, and information. Contact (703) 487-4608 for more information, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.

Clean-Up Information Bulletin Board System (CLU-IN)

CLU-IN to a technological information exchange targeting hazardous waste cleanup. Contact (301) 589-8368 for the System Operator, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.



Harvesting Superfund Resources

So you want to get involved...but how do you know where to start, and how do you branch out from there? Community involvement resources are available in a variety of forms for different needs and interest levels. This issue of *Superfund Today* contains a poster highlighting resources in six categories: first steps, important phone numbers, helpful documents, educational materials, electronic resources, and technical assistance. The next two pages explain each of these resource categories; the poster inside gives the details.

First Steps...the best place to start

You need to know where to begin to get information or get involved. The resources in this category are excellent starting points to begin learning about Superfund or to find site-related information. Contact an EPA Regional Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC). Visit a site repository. Order documents from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). Look inside to find out how.

Important Phone Numbers...information a call away

The poster inside lists hotlines and other central phone numbers that provide you with general information quickly and easily. Environmental laws are complex and extensive, but the professionals staffing these services can answer your questions about regulations, policies, and technical information.

Helpful Documents...get it in writing

Documents, handbooks, journals, newsletters–Superfund and other environment-related publications provide helpful information on a variety of topics, from the most current news on the environment in the *EPA Journal* to an environmental glossary, *Terms of Environment-Glossary, Abbreviations, and Acronyms*. Read on for more details inside!

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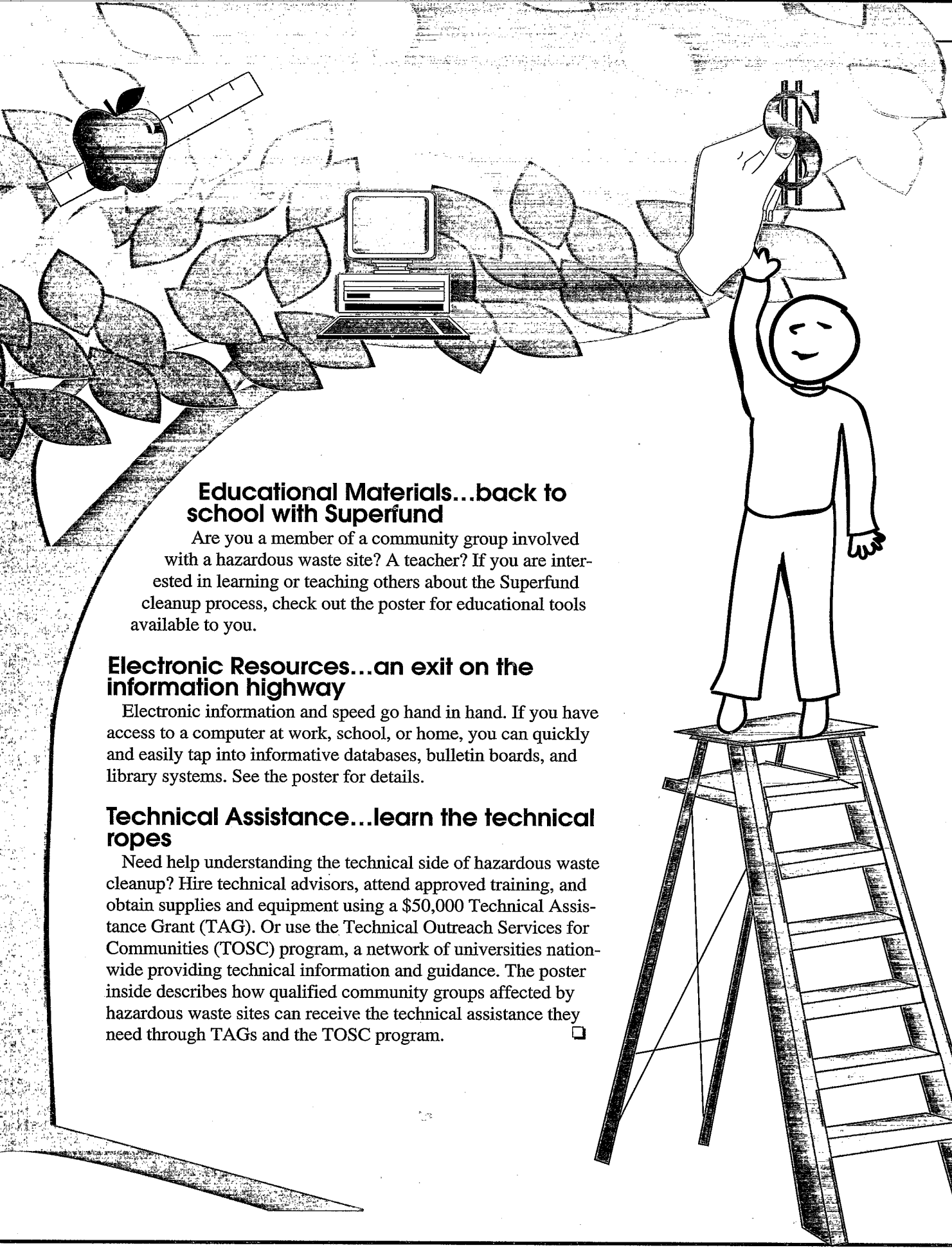


Educational Materials...back to school with Superfund

Are you a member of a community group involved with a hazardous waste site? A teacher? If you are interested in learning or teaching others about the Superfund cleanup process, check out the poster for educational tools available to you.

Electronic Resources...an exit on the information highway

Electronic information and speed go hand in hand. If you have access to a computer at work, school, or home, you can quickly and easily tap into informative databases, bulletin boards, and library systems. See the poster for details.

Technical Assistance...learn the technical ropes

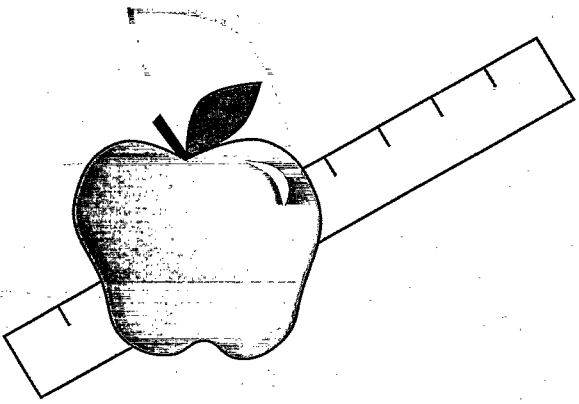
Need help understanding the technical side of hazardous waste cleanup? Hire technical advisors, attend approved training, and obtain supplies and equipment using a $50,000 Technical Assistance Grant (TAG). Or use the Technical Outreach Services for Communities (TOSC) program, a network of universities nationwide providing technical information and guidance. The poster inside describes how qualified community groups affected by hazardous waste sites can receive the technical assistance they need through TAGs and the TOSC program. ❑

Resources

DUCATIONAL MATERIALS

is is Superfund - A Citizen's Guide EPA's Superfund Program

deo and brochure, in English and Spanish, plain the Superfund program and cleanup process. TIS Order #: PB 94-963218; Contact the perfund Document Center; Phone: (703) 603-32; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.



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collection of educational activities geared for the h-12th grade levels. NTIS Order #: PR1026; ontact the Superfund Document Center; Phone: 03) 603-9232; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Mon - Fri, astern.

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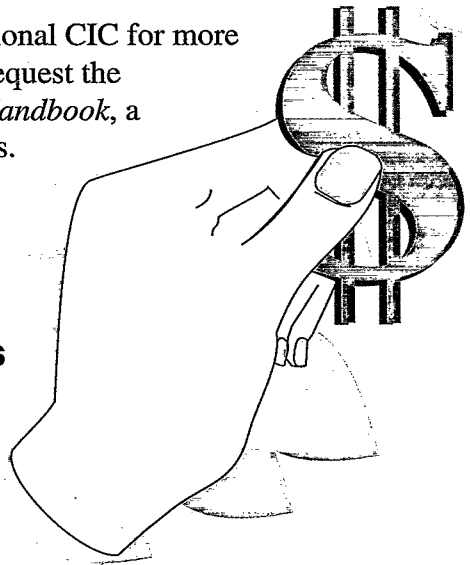
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs)

$50,000 grants are available to qualified citizens' groups affected by hazardous wastes. These groups should be committed to sharing information with others in their communities. TAGs can be used for hiring a technical advisor*/grant administrator, attending approved training, and obtaining relevant supplies and equipment.

* A technical advisor is an advocate who can explain technical information and documents, and help articulate your community's concerns. This advisor can also participate in site visits, meetings, and hearings, and interpret the results.

Contact your Regional CIC for more information and request the *Superfund TAG Handbook*, a four-booklet series.



Technical Outreach Services for Communities (TOSC)

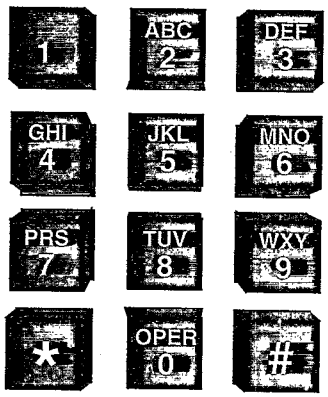
This program expands technical assistance to communities without TAGs who are affected by hazardous substances. The goal of the TOSC program is to inform, educate, and empower communities by providing technical information and guidance. TOSC uses five Hazardous Substance Research Centers (HSRCs), a network of 23 universities nationwide. Each HSRC supports two Regions by conducting research and training on hazardous substance issues. Contact your Regional CIC listed on the map below for more TOSC information.

MPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Community Involvement

ational Response Center Hotline

eceives reports of oil and hazardous chemical, ological, and radiological releases. Hotline umbers: (800) 424-8802 (except D.C.), 02) 267-2675 (D.C.); 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.



esource Conservation and Recovery ct/Underground Storage Tank (RCRA/ ST), Superfund and Emergency Plan- ng and Community Right-to-Know PCRA) Hotline

swers your questions about RCRA, UST, ERCLA, and SARA Title III regulations, and ovides useful documents.
tline Numbers: (703) 412-9810 or (800) 424-9346 (800) 535-0202; TDD (800) 553-7672; 0 am - 6:00 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern; Closed on deral holidays.

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ves as a central repository for environmental justice istance and information. Hotline Number: 0) 962-6215; 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Mon - Fri, Eastern.

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vides information on environmental issues ulated by the US EPA. Call: (800) 227-8917 (CO, , ND, SD, UT, and WY residents) or (303) 312- 2 (national), 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Mon - Fri, Central.

Coordinators (CICs)

Region 1 CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT
John F. Kennedy Federal Bldg., Rm. RPS-74, Boston, MA 02203 (617) 565-3425

Region 2 NJ, NY, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands
290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007 (212) 637-3675

Region 3 DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV
841 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 597-9905

Region 4 AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN
Waste Management Division, 345 Courtland St., NE, Atlanta, GA 30365 AL, FL, GA, MS (800) 435-9234; KY, NC, SC, TN (800) 435-9233; For emergency responses (800) 564-7577

Region 5 IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI
Metcalfe Federal Bldg. 19th Floor, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 886-6685 or (800) 621-8431

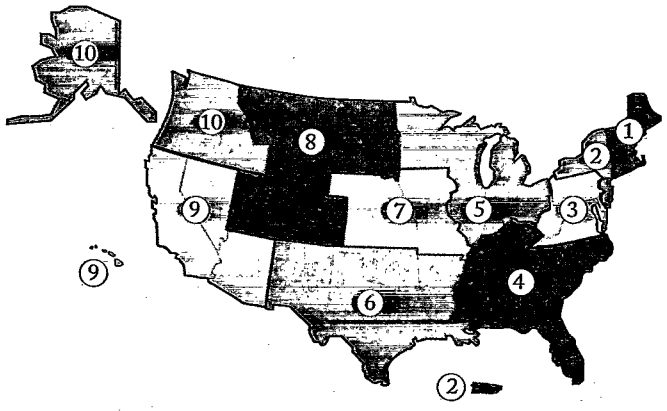
Region 6 AR, LA, NM, OK, TX
Tower & Fountain Place, 1445 Ross Ave. 12th Floor, Dallas, TX 75270 (214) 665-6617

Region 7 IA, KS, MO, NE
726 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101 (913) 551-7003 or (800) 223-0425

Region 8 CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY
999 18th St., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202 (303) 312-6600

Region 9 AZ, CA, HI, NV, U.S. Territories
75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105 (415) 744-2175

Region 10 AK, ID, OR, WA
1200 6th Ave., Seattle, WA 98101 (206) 553-1272



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A guide to harvesting Superfund resources…

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