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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM THE U S EPA REGION IV REGARDING THE COMMUNITY  
RELATIONS PLAN MAY 2003 NAS PENSACOLA FL  
7/17/2003  
U S EPA REGION IV

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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**DRAFT**

July 17, 2003

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Community Relations Plan for Naval Air Station Pensacola, Pensacola, Florida dated May 2003 and offer the following comments.

## **General Comments:**

- The Environmental Protection Agency current Superfund Handbook now refers to the “Community Relations Plan (CRP)” as “Community Involvement Plan (CIP)” - reflect this change throughout the entire document.
- This plan identifies the major community concerns and provides plans and implementation that meets the National Contingency Plan (NCP) at 40 CFR 300.430(c)(2)(ii) – community involvement requirements that must occur at certain points throughout the Superfund process.
- EPA encourages NAS Pensacola to implement additional community involvement activities not required by the NCP. EPA has learned that making the extra effort to listen to and involve people leads to a smoother and more timely cleanup. Most communities can accept a remedy, even if they are not completely satisfied with it, provided they understand how the decision was reached and had a meaningful part in reaching the decision.

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- Section 2.0 - Change 2.3 “TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS” to “COMMUNITY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.”

## Acronyms

- Include “TOSC - Technical Outreach Services for Communities” and “TAPP - Technical Assistance Public Participation”.

## Appendix C

- Change this section to “Community Grant Opportunities”.

Keep the TAG information, however, the correct address and point of contact for Florida is. . .

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- The Department of Defense offers a Technical Assistance Public Participation (TAPP) grant for RABS & TRCs. In addition to EPA TAGs, the Technical Outreach Services for Communities (TOSC) is available for the community. Insert these grants in this section– it should reflect the following information. Be sure to include the acronyms; TAPP & TOSC in the acronyms section.

*Note: For additional information or a brochure about these grants or to conduct an presentation to the RAB, contact Tiki Whitfield, USEPA, Public Affairs Specialist at 404-562-8530 or electronically at whitfield.tiki@epa.gov.*

**“Technical Assistance Public Participation (TAPP)** - The Department of Defense (DOD) established the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) program to assist community members of the Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs) and Technical Review Committees (TRCs) in participating more fully in the cleanup process affecting DOD installations and formerly used defense sites (FUDs). TAPP allows community members to obtain objective, independent scientific and engineering support concerning the restoration process through the issuance of government purchase orders to small businesses. For more information contact. . . RAB Co-Chair.”

**“Technical Outreach Services for Communities (TOSC)** - The Technical Outreach Services for Communities(TOSC) program was established in 1994 to guide communities through the environmental cleanup and site reuse processes. TOSC empowers communities with independent understanding of the underlying technical issues related to hazardous substance contamination so that they may participate

effectively in the decision-making process.

It is a no-cost, non-advocate technical assistance program. Assistance to communities can include (but are not limited to):

- providing independent and credible technical assistance;
- reviewing and interpreting technical documents and other materials;
- sponsoring workshops or short course to explain basic environmental science and policy changes;
- facilitating communication among stakeholders;
- informing communities about already existing technical assistance materials such as videos, publications, and web sites; and
- creating technical assistance materials tailored for the communities' specific needs.

For additional information, call Bob Schmitter, TOSC Director at 404-894-8064, 888-683-5963 or bob.schmitter@gtri.gatech.edu. Or visit the TOSC website at <http://www.toscprogram.org>.

### **Community Contact List**

- Include phone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses (if applicable) in this section.

### **Part II - Environmental Regulatory Agencies**

- Include the following individuals information for USEPA. The addresses are okay.

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the aforementioned document. If you have any questions or need clarification on these comments, please contact me at 404-562-8530 or electronically at whitfield.tiki@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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