§ 35.4000  Authority.

The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") issues this subpart under section 117(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9617(e).

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§ 35.4005  What is a Technical Assistance Grant?

A Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) provides money for your group to obtain technical assistance in interpreting information with regard to a Superfund site. EPA awards TAGs to promote public participation in decision making at eligible sites. A TAG allows your group to procure independent technical advisors to help you interpret and comment on site-related information and decisions. Examples of how a technical advisor can help your group include, but are not limited to:

(a) Reviewing preliminary site assessment/site investigation data;
(b) Participating in public meetings to help interpret information about site conditions, proposed remedies, and the implementation of a remedy;
(c) Visiting the site vicinity periodically during cleanup, if possible, to observe progress and provide technical updates to your group; and
(d) Evaluate future land use options based on land use assumptions found in the "remedial investigation/feasibility study."

§ 35.4010  What does this subpart do?

This subpart establishes the program-specific regulations for TAGs awarded by EPA.

§ 35.4011  Do the general grant regulations for nonprofit organizations apply to TAGs?

Yes, the regulations at 40 CFR part 30 also apply to TAGs. 40 CFR part 30 establishes uniform administrative requirements for Federal grants and agreements to institutions of higher education, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations. Because EPA awards TAGs to nonprofit organizations, 40 CFR part 30 applies to all TAGs.

§ 35.4012  If there appears to be a difference between the requirements in 40 CFR part 30 and this subpart, which regulations should my group follow?

You should follow the regulations in 40 CFR part 30, except for the following provisions from which this subpart deviates:

(a) 40 CFR 30.11, Pre-Award Policies;