

Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC)

Technical Assistance and EPA

To support healthy communities and strengthen environmental protection, EPA works closely with communities to make sure they have the technical help they need.

Sometimes, a community may need more help to fully understand local environmental issues and participate in the decision-making processes. The purpose of the TASC program is to meet this need.

The TASC program supplies communities with technical help so they can better understand the science, regulations and policies of environmental issues and EPA actions.

TASC services support community efforts to get more involved and work productively with EPA to address environmental issues.

How can TASC help my community?

The TASC program benefits people by:

- Helping them understand complex environmental issues.
- Explaining technical information and answering questions.
- Supporting their active role in protecting healthy communities and advancing environmental protection.

The TASC program assists communities by:

- Providing opportunities for environmental education.
- Bringing diverse groups together and helping them get more involved.
- Offering training and supporting environmental employment opportunities through the Superfund Job Training Initiative.

What types of services does TASC provide?

- Community training.
- Educational presentations.
- Technical assistance needs assessments.
- Reviewing and explaining technical information.
- Helping communities form Community Advisory Groups.
- Facilitating community meetings.
- Developing information materials for communities.



Who provides the technical assistance?

The TASC program provides services through a national EPA contract. Under the contract, a contractor provides scientists, engineers and other professionals to review and explain information to communities throughout the United States and U.S. territories.



How can my community get TASC assistance?

To contact EPA about the TASC program, first find the EPA Region for your state by looking at the map on the other side of this pamphlet. Your regional TASC coordinator's contact information is listed on EPA's website. Your regional TASC coordinator will review your situation and answer your questions about the TASC program.

If TASC services are a good fit for your community, your TASC coordinator will explain the simple request process. TASC services are provided once EPA reviews and approves community requests.

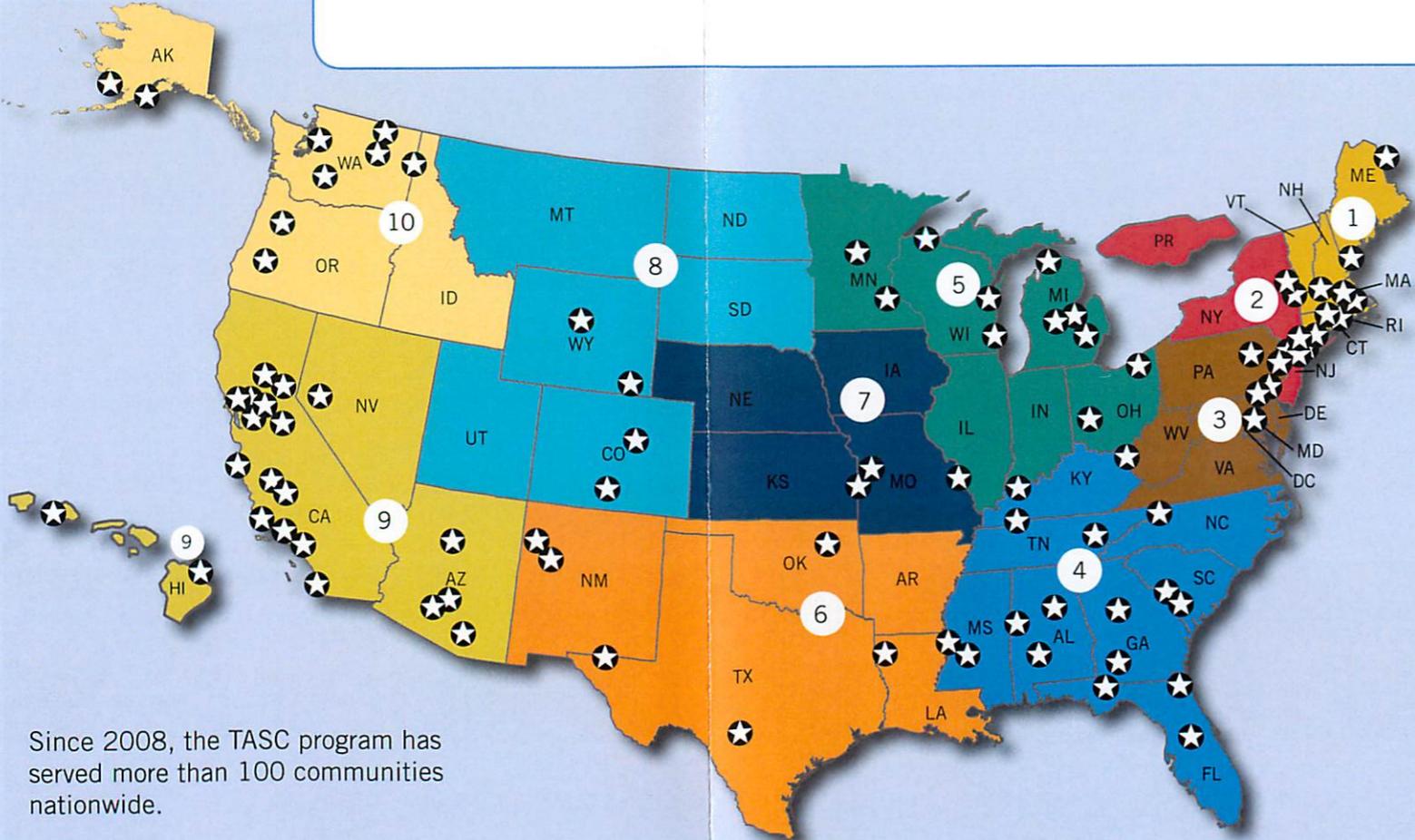


For communities interested in TASC services, more information is available on EPA's website at www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tasc.



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Since 2008, the TASC program has served more than 100 communities nationwide.

- TASC is a national EPA program that provides technical assistance services to communities.
- The program's goal is to help people understand complex environmental issues and ensure meaningful community involvement in environmental decision-making.
- This pamphlet provides information about the TASC program and how to access TASC services. TASC services are provided at no cost to communities.