



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Ms. Cheryl Krauth
Protect Gainesville's Citizens, Inc.
802 West University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Ms. Krauth:

We have received your Letter of Intent (LOI) dated November 17, 2009, to apply for a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) with regard to the Cabot/Koppers Superfund Site in Gainesville, Florida.

TAGs are available to groups of individuals "affected by a Superfund Site" for the purpose of hiring a technical advisor to help them understand and comment on technical factors in cleanup decisions affecting them. One of the first requirements your group must meet to be eligible for a TAG, is that your group, including those groups which form out of a coalition agreement, must incorporate as a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of participating in decision making at the Superfund site for which we provide a TAG. You indicate in your correspondence to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that you are a newly formed non-profit organization established to help organize community involvement concerning the Superfund site. EPA may request that you demonstrate this incorporation. Please refer to 40 CFR 35.4045 of the TAG regulations for further explanation of this requirement.

Another requirement your group must meet to get a TAG is that your group must contribute a matching share to the project. Your match must equal at least twenty percent of total project costs. In-kind contributions, such as volunteered services and donated supplies and equipment, can be counted toward the group's required matching share. Please refer to 40 CFR 35.4050 of the TAG regulations and the enclosed booklet "Managing Your TAG" for further explanation and clarification of this requirement.

Since your group has notified EPA of your intent to apply for a TAG related to Superfund response activities at the Cabot/Koppers Site, EPA will issue a public notice advising the affected community. Your group will have 30 days from the date of the public notice to submit your application. Other potential applicants will also have 30 days from the date the notice is published in the local newspaper to contact you to form a coalition or submit a separate TAG application. Please be advised that in accordance with the TAG regulations (40 CFR, part 35.4040), only one TAG may be awarded per Superfund Site. Therefore, if EPA receives more than one application for this Site, EPA will select the group that most widely represents the individuals affected by the Site.

To assist in your application process, we have also enclosed an application booklet which contains the application forms with instructions. Additional booklets we are providing include "Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Program Fact Sheet", and "Making Sure Your TAG Gets Environmental Results" which is required as a result of EPA's Environmental Results Policy (EPA Order 5700.7) which requires that all work funded by assistance agreements (including TAGs) further EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment. To be in compliance with this order, the work plan included in your TAG application must specify the expected outputs and outcomes of your project that you believe will achieve environmental results. Please be aware that all of the application forms with instructions are available at the following website: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tag/index.htm>.

If you have any questions, or need further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 404.562.8476 or Rhonda Foucher at 404.562.8867.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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