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# Rolling Knolls Superfund Site Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting

# Meeting Overview

EPA Site Status Updates

Technical Assistance Overview

CAG Operating Principles  
Discussion

## Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC)

- Community training.
- Education presentations.
- Technical assistances needs assessment (TANA).
- Reviewing and explaining technical information.
- Help with forming CAGs.
- Facilitating community meetings.
- Developing information materials for communities.

# Community Interests and Concerns

- Provide best possible ecological restoration outcomes.
- Prevent contaminant impacts on human health.
- Minimize truck impacts on Britten Road and local area roads.
- Ensure long-term sustainability and environmental protection of the region's land, surface and groundwater resources.
- Understand clear differences between remedial alternatives presented in the Feasibility Study.
- Keep options open for future use of the site to include passive recreational opportunities, not just fenced-off open space.
- Understand relative significance of site contamination, previous impacts and potential for migration to surface and groundwater resources.
- Ensure the community has a voice and that community priorities are considered in the remedial alternatives to be evaluated in the remedy selection process.
- Ensure that community understands EPA's regulatory purview and scope of remedial actions.
- Ensure that cleanup options are consistent with the Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements for the site.
- Ensure community has a chance to understand clear differences between remedial alternatives through open discussion.

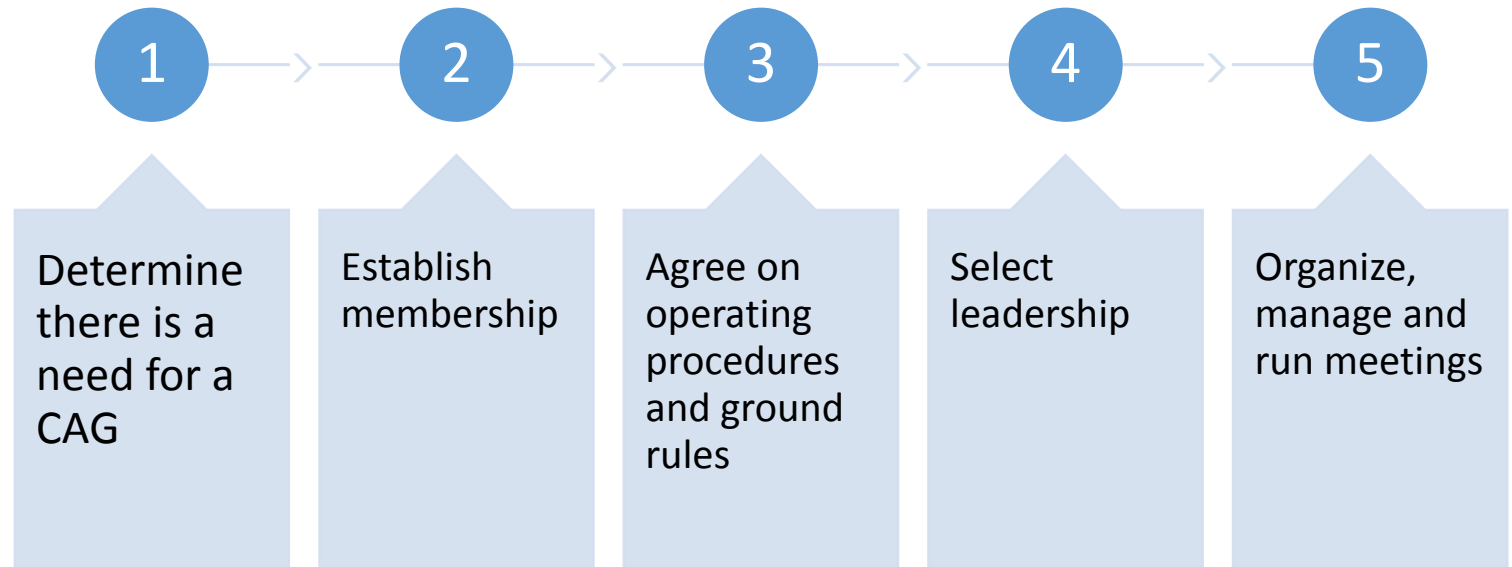
# Where to go for Technical Assistance

CRPC	Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center
TASC	Technical Assistance Services for Communities
TAG	Technical Assistance Grants
CIU	Community Involvement University

## Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs)

- Provide funding to community groups for a technical advisor to explain technical reports and proposed cleanup proposals and decisions
- Help communities participate in Superfund process
- Initial grant up to \$50,000 for community groups involved with the site

# Steps for forming a CAG



# Operating Principles for Discussion

- Mission statement
- Member expectations
- Internal and external communications
- Meeting ground rules



## Draft Mission Statement

The mission of the Rolling Knolls Community Advisory Group is to facilitate community stakeholder participation in the Superfund cleanup process, and to ensure all cleanup is adequately protective of human health and the environment and provides ecological revitalization to the fullest extent possible.

# CAG Member Responsibilities

Attend	Attend meetings
Represent	Represent views of the community, your organization, and your own individual perspectives
Express	Express community preferences
Review	Review technical information
Disseminate	Disseminate information about site to community members
Work	Work with CAG members to consider various view points and reach shared understanding

# Who is a member?

- Members are currently self-selected.
- Approximately 25 expressed interest in serving as CAG members.
- Are additional guidelines needed?
  - Member names made public?
  - Protocol for adding/removing members?

Member Affiliation	# of members
Britten Road Resident	3
Chatham Resident	7
Harding Resident	3
Chatham/Harding township advisory committee representatives (non-elected)	3
Environmental organization	4
GSNWR /USFWS Staff	3
Other interested Stakeholder	2

## EPA roles and responsibilities

Attend	Attend meetings and participate in technical briefings as agency liaisons
Discuss	Discuss issues related to Superfund actions
Listen and respond	Listen openly and respond clearly to CAG members' questions and concerns
Provide	Provide technical documents for CAG review and opportunities for members to provide meaningful input
Assist	Assist with logistical, administrative and technical support for CAG

# CAG Discussion Ground Rules

- **Engage in open respectful dialogue**  
Communicate concerns, interests and ideas openly  
make reasons for their disagreements clear
- **Work to understand various perspectives**  
Members, agency liaisons and the public
- **Outside of CAG Discussions**  
When speaking (emailing, or posting on social media) outside of CAG discussions, members represent their views as individuals or organizational representatives, not as those of CAG as a whole.
- **Considerations for the Press**  
Designated space for members of the press and time?  
When and who takes questions from the press?

# Formulating Comments

CAG seeks opportunities to provide meaningful input, but CAG discussion outcomes do not require full consensus.

Ways of providing comments and input might include:

- Summarizing various perspectives or individual comments and suggestions made at CAG meetings.
- Recognizing majority opinion and dissenting views.
- Reaching shared understanding and agreements, if appropriate.
- Developing action items for follow-up.
- Providing technical comments regarding site activities.

# Internal Communications

- Communications between CAG chair and members vs meeting participants or mailing list
- EPA document review expectations CAG members vs public?

# External Communications

CAG members will help disseminate site-related information and updates to interested stakeholders.

- Member outreach responsibilities?
- Who will you reach out to?
  - Local residents and businesses
  - Local governments and township committees
  - Community and religious groups and non-profits
  - Other interested stakeholders



## Wrap Up & Next Steps

Draft operating principles  
Site tour for CAG members  
Next meeting date