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Agency

Technical Assistance Grant Awarded to the Caddo Lake Institute

Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant
Harrison County, Texas

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded a technical assistance grant (TAG) to Caddo Lake Institute. The TAG award, totaling \$50,000 in federal funds and \$12,500 in matching funds from the Caddo Lake Institute, was signed by EPA in August 2010. The TAG is to be used by the community group to obtain the services of a technical advisor who will review, analyze and interpret the EPA's and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) technical reports pertaining to the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant. Many such grants have been awarded nationally.

Purpose of the TAG

The Caddo Lake Institute will use the grant funds to hire a technical advisor to interpret site test results and other technical reports in order to increase community understanding of the technical and scientific information available on the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant Site. For example, the technical advisor can:

- Meet with the community-at-large to explain technical information;
- Provide assistance in communicating community concerns about the site to EPA;
- Distribute interpretations of technical/scientific information to the community;
- Visit the site and community to gain a better understanding of EPA's activities and the Superfund process; and
- Attend site related meetings and/or hearings.

History of the Technical Assistance Grant Program

An understanding of the technical issues concerning a hazardous waste site helps the community mem-

bers to provide thoughtful, informed comments to EPA and TCEQ decision-makers considering proposed Superfund actions. Recognizing the importance of community engagement and the need for citizens living near Superfund sites to be well-informed, Congress included provisions in the Superfund amendments to establish a TAG program.

The TAG program provides up to \$50,000 per site to a non-profit community based group for the purpose of hiring technical advisors. The group must provide at least 20 percent of their total costs of their project and must budget the grant expenditures over the life of the Superfund project at the site.

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