



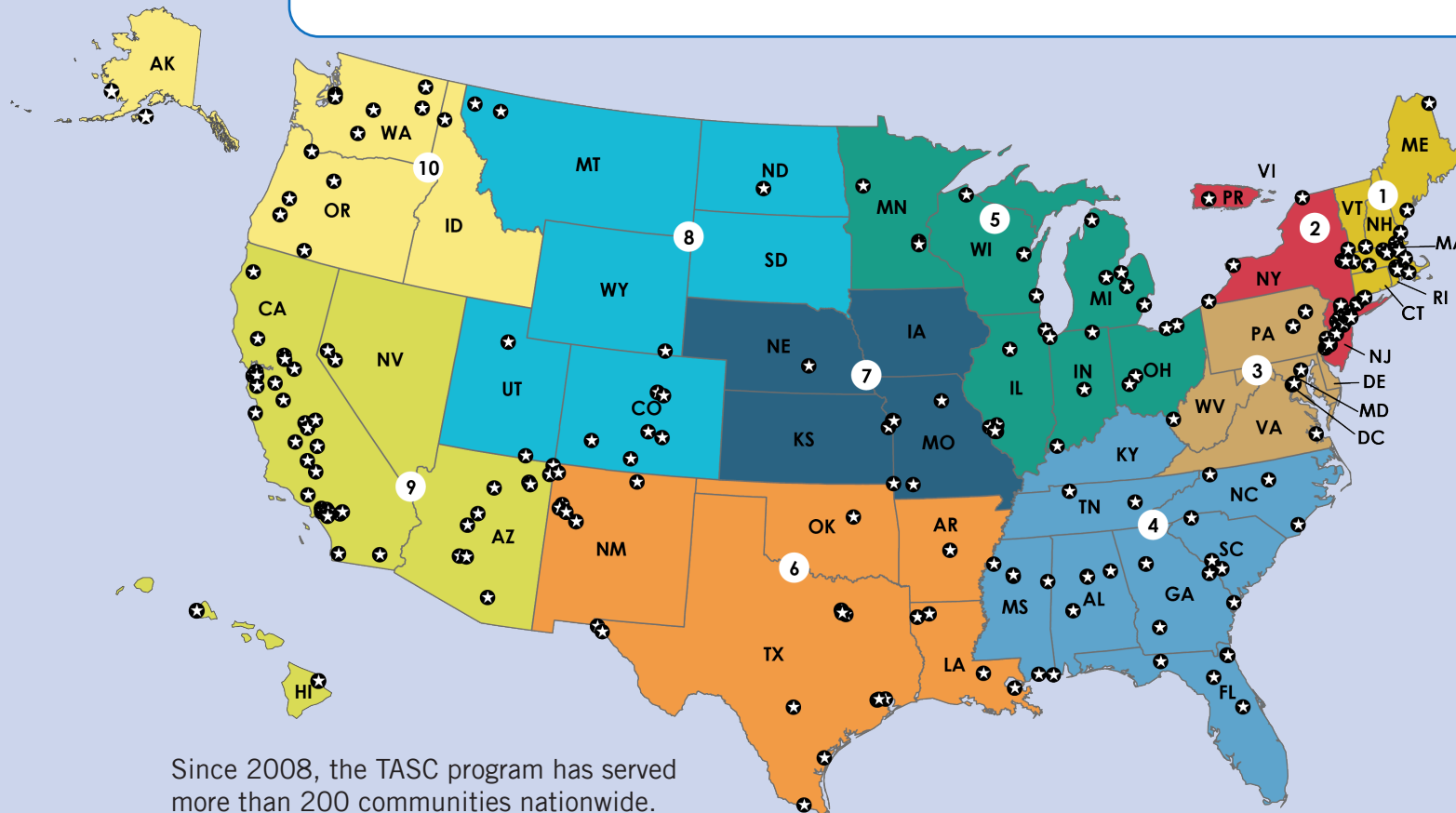
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# TASC

Technical Assistance Services for Communities



Since 2008, the TASC program has served more than 200 communities nationwide.

- TASC is a national EPA program that provides technical assistance services at no cost to communities.
- This pamphlet provides information about the TASC program and how to access TASC services.

# 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, communities may benefit from assistance to help them understand local environmental issues more fully and participate in the decision-making process. 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.

### What types of services does TASC provide?

- Reviews and explanations of site technical documents and information.
- Comments on technical documents.
- Community trainings and workshops.
- Educational presentations.
- Technical assistance needs assessments.
- Facilitation of community meetings.
- Technical advisor services during community meetings.
- Outreach and educational materials for communities.
- Assistance understanding the environmental decision-making process.
- Language translations.



### 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 across the United States and U.S. territories.

### How can my community get TASC assistance?

To contact EPA about the TASC program, talk to your EPA site team or visit the “Contact Us” section on EPA’s TASC website (please see the back of the brochure for the link) to contact your region’s TASC coordinator. Your TASC coordinator will answer your questions about the TASC program.

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

### What to consider when using TASC services?

When EPA provides TASC services to your community, a TASC technical advisor or technical assistance provider may meet with community members to discuss specific support needs. Once community support needs are determined, TASC will begin working to provide your community with the desired technical assistance services.

Here are some things to keep in mind under TASC:

- Requests for support need to be communicated with EPA, not the TASC contractor.
- The TASC contractor provides the technical advisor or technical assistance provider based on community needs.
- The community may not select the provider, but can provide EPA with their preferred qualifications.
- The Frequent Questions section on EPA’s TASC website includes a list of activities that are not permitted as part of TASC technical assistance services.

