

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MRS. DINGELL OF MICHIGAN

At the end of subtitle C of title III, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 3__ . TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES**
2 **AND INDIVIDUALS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED**
3 **BY RELEASES AT CURRENT AND FORMER DE-**
4 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE FACILITIES.**

5 (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NAVIGATION OF
6 RESPONSE ACTIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than
8 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
9 upon the request for one or more technical assist-
10 ance services described in paragraph (3) by any
11 community, or individual who is a member thereof,
12 that is or may be affected by a release or threatened
13 release of a pollutant that is subject to a response
14 action at a covered facility, the Secretary of Defense,
15 acting through the Director of the Office of Local
16 Defense Community Cooperation, shall furnish such
17 technical assistance service or services to such com-
18 munity or individual, as the case may be.

1 (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary may
2 furnish technical assistance services under para-
3 graph (1) through arrangements or agreements with
4 other Federal departments and agencies, private
5 service providers, or nongovernmental organizations.

6 (3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES.—A
7 technical assistance service described in this para-
8 graph is a service to improve public participation in,
9 or assist in the navigation of, environmental re-
10 sponse efforts, including, as requested, one or more
11 of the following:

12 (A) The interpretation of site-related docu-
13 ments, including draft plans, studies, and pro-
14 posed actions.

15 (B) The interpretation of health-related in-
16 formation.

17 (C) Assistance with the preparation of
18 public comments.

19 (D) The development of outreach materials
20 to improve public participation.

21 (E) The provision to a community or indi-
22 vidual specified in paragraph (1) of advice and
23 guidance regarding additional technical assist-
24 ance with respect to which such community or

1 individual may be eligible (including pursuant
2 to subsection (b)).

3 (b) GRANTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

4 (1) AUTHORITY.—Beginning not later than 180
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of
7 the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation,
8 shall administer a grant program under which the
9 Director may award a grant to a community, or in-
10 dividual who is a member thereof, that is or may be
11 affected by a release or threatened release of a pol-
12 lutant that is subject to a response action at a cov-
13 ered facility.

14 (2) USE OF AMOUNTS.—Grant amounts award-
15 ed pursuant to paragraph (1) may be used by the
16 grant recipient only to obtain technical assistance
17 services for public participation in the various stages
18 of the processes of response, remediation, and re-
19 moval actions in connection with the release or
20 threatened release by which the grant recipient is or
21 may be affected, including one or more of the fol-
22 lowing:

23 (A) The interpretation of the nature of the
24 release, including monitoring and testing plans

1 and reports associated with site assessment and
2 characterization.

3 (B) The interpretation of documents,
4 plans, proposed actions, or final decisions re-
5 lated to one or more of the following:

6 (i) An interim remedial action.

7 (ii) A remedial investigation or feasi-
8 bility study.

9 (iii) A record of decision.

10 (iv) A remedial design.

11 (v) The selection and construction of
12 remedial action.

13 (vi) Operation and maintenance.

14 (vii) A five-year review.

15 (viii) A removal action.

16 (C) A technical assistance service described
17 in subsection (a)(3).

18 (c) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN USE OF AMOUNTS
19 AND SERVICES.—None of the amounts or services pro-
20 vided to a recipient pursuant to this section may be used
21 for the purpose of conducting—

22 (1) lobbying activities; or

23 (2) legal challenges of final decisions of the De-
24 partment of Defense.

1 (d) COVERED FACILITY DEFINED.—In this section,
2 the term “covered facility” means a facility under the ju-
3 risdiction of, or formerly used by or under the jurisdiction
4 of, the Department.

