

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54**  
**OFFERED BY MRS. DINGELL OF MICHIGAN**

At the end of subtitle B of title III, insert 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 ACTION PROCESSES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than  
8 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
9 and subject to such amounts as are provided in ap-  
10 propriations Acts, the Secretary of Defense, acting  
11 through the Director of the Office of Local Defense  
12 Community Cooperation, shall furnish technical as-  
13 sistance services described in paragraph (3) to com-  
14 munities, or individuals who are members thereof,  
15 that may be affected by a release or threatened re-  
16 lease of a pollutant at a facility under the jurisdic-  
17 tion of, or formerly used by or under the jurisdiction  
18 of, the Department of Defense.

1           (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In furnishing  
2           technical assistance services using amounts trans-  
3           ferred pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary, act-  
4           ing through the Director of the Office of Local De-  
5           fense Community Cooperation, may furnish such  
6           services through cooperative agreements entered into  
7           with a State or nonprofit organization, for the State  
8           or nonprofit organization, as the case may be, to  
9           provide the services.

10          (3) SERVICES PROVIDED.—The services de-  
11          scribed in this paragraph are services to improve  
12          public participation in, or assist in the navigation of,  
13          remediation efforts, including—

14                (A) the dissemination of guidance to the  
15                individuals and communities specified in para-  
16                graph (1) regarding additional technical assist-  
17                ance with respect to which such individuals may  
18                be eligible (including pursuant to subsection  
19                (b));

20                (B) the interpretation of site-related docu-  
21                ments;

22                (C) the interpretation of health-related in-  
23                formation;

24                (D) assistance with the preparation of pub-  
25                lic comments; and

1 (E) the development of outreach materials  
2 to improve public participation.

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, and  
6 subject to such amounts as are provided in appro-  
7 priations Acts, the Secretary, acting through the Di-  
8 rector of the Office of Local Defense Community  
9 Cooperation, shall administer a grant program under  
10 which the Director may award a grant to any com-  
11 munity of individuals that may be affected by a re-  
12 lease or threatened release of a pollutant at a facility  
13 under the jurisdiction of, or formerly used by or  
14 under the jurisdiction of, the Department of De-  
15 fense.

16 (2) USE OF AMOUNTS.—Grants awarded pursu-  
17 ant to paragraph (1) may only be used by the grant  
18 recipient to obtain technical assistance in inter-  
19 preting information and site-related documents for  
20 various stages of the processes of response, remedi-  
21 ation, and removal actions, at the facility with re-  
22 spect to which there is a release or threatened re-  
23 lease of a pollutant, including information relating to  
24 the following:

1 (A) The nature of the release or threat-  
2 ened release.

3 (B) An interim remedial action at such fa-  
4 cility, including a remedial investigation or fea-  
5 sibility study, record of decision, remedial de-  
6 sign, selection and construction of remedial ac-  
7 tion, operation and maintenance, and five-year  
8 review.

9 (C) A removal action at such facility.

10 (c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF AMOUNTS.—None of  
11 the amounts made available to a recipient pursuant to this  
12 section may be used for the purpose of conducting—

13 (1) lobbying activities; or

14 (2) legal challenges of final decisions of the De-  
15 partment of Defense.

