

Hercules 009 Superfund Site Technical Assistance Ends

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Soon after the Glynn Environmental Coalition (GEC) formed, the Glynn County Commission made a request for a community group to apply for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the Hercules 009 Landfill Superfund Site (Site). The purpose of the technical assistance was to keep our community informed and involved in the decision-making process during the investigation and remediation of the Site. Early in 1991, the GEC applied for the EPA Technical Assistance Grant, which was issued by the EPA on May 15, 1992. The EPA grant paid 80% of the costs for technical assistance, and the GEC and Glynn County paid 20%.

Technical assistance was used throughout the Superfund process as the Site was investigated (Remedial Investigation), options to protect human health and the environment were evaluated (Feasibility Study), and the decision was made about what to do with the Site (Record of Decision). The Federal Court ordered Hercules to perform specific work at the Site in the legally binding Record of Decision. Plans were developed to contain the Site (Remedial Design), implemented (Remedial Action), and monitoring conducted to assess the work performed. In addition to these normal phases during the investigation and remediation of a Superfund Site, significant deviations from normal and expected procedures defined under Superfund law were encountered during the period the GEC was providing technical assistance to our community. See “Lessons Learned”.

The GEC has now closed out this Technical Assistance Grant. This does not mean, however, that our work on this site has ended. The GEC will continue to push for a real clean-up in order to protect the health and economic well-being of our community.



The 009 Superfund Site before a car lot was built on top of it