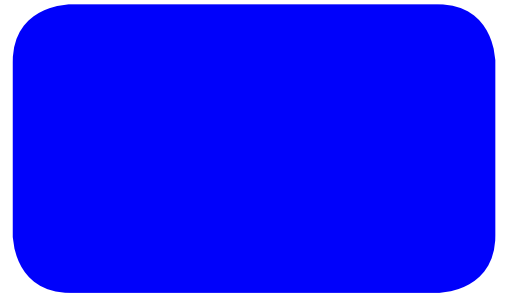
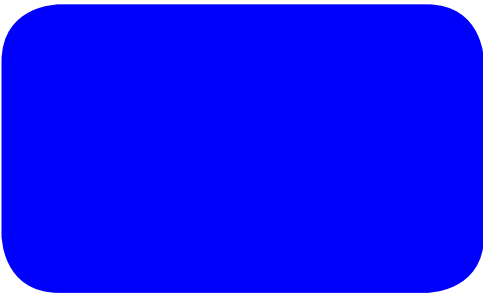


# Community Involvement

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The Focus Group has put this report together, not only to summarize our findings in the survey, but to assist the States and Territories as they continue to work to inform the communities in which they serve. Finally, the Focus Group would like to acknowledge ASTSWMO and the many hard working individuals who wear many hats and keep us focused on our projects, goals, and commitments.

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Thank you to all who participated in this survey and in the final document.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMPENDIUM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) Community Involvement Focus Group developed this survey to assess the current status of community involvement programs across the nation. The results of the survey will help the group understand States' needs and also provide States the opportunity to share experience, expertise and tools for improved community involvement across the country.

Community involvement is an important aspect of all environmental programs and should be an integral function if communities are to be well served. Through this survey, wide discrepancies in the management, focus and importance of community involvement programs were noted. While most States emphasized a significant need for community involvement in their cleanup sites, of the 33 States responding, only six States indicated that staff was specifically assigned to work on community involvement as their main responsibility. The 33 States that responded to this survey represent a total of 1860 federal facility sites, but only 182 sites have active community involvement.

As Federal Facility sites move toward long-term stewardship and considering that through base realignment and closure (BRAC) many formerly used defense sites (FUDs) are being turned over to redevelopment, the need for community input into the cleanup plans at these facilities is becoming more crucial.

One of the problems faced by States is a restrictive budget, which results in inadequate funding to support community involvement. Therefore few States have the budgets for full-time community involvement personnel, with little

community involvement oversight from State project managers, whose focus is more technical and project driven. It appears that community concerns often go unaddressed and opportunities for community involvement are not identified and/or provided.

Through the years, significant technological improvement has been seen in environmental cleanups. We have also seen improvement in community involvement from the days when government conducted their business behind closed doors. However, with expanding populations encroaching on contaminated sites,

and with more of these sites being redeveloped for residential and commercial use, we are reaching a point where there is a greater need for a more holistic and community-based approach to environmental sustainment.

Environmental education and community involvement can accomplish this goal. Through the collaborative involvement of the States, EPA, and other government entities working together with communities at the beginning of projects, better and more suitable solutions to cleanup projects are achievable.

The mission of the Community Involvement Focus Group is to identify issues and to encourage improved partnerships between States, Communities and Federal agencies. The intent of this nationwide survey is to examine community outreach at federal facilities nationwide as well as provide resource information to other States. Information presented in this report is based on data collected from September 2005-June 2006 and may not be indicative of all States and Territories.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

1. 33 responses - **For Respondent Information, Please See Attachment A**

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, DC, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia.

2. Do you have a person(s) assigned to work on community involvement activities at federal facility sites? (Please check the appropriate box)

Yes - (15)                      No - (18)

3. If yes, is this their main responsibility or are these other duties as assigned?

Yes - (6)                      No - (22)                      N/A - (5)

4. Contact information for each of the States/Territories – **Please See Attachment B**

5. What types of community activities does your agency currently participate in as they relate to federal facilities?

Please check all that apply:

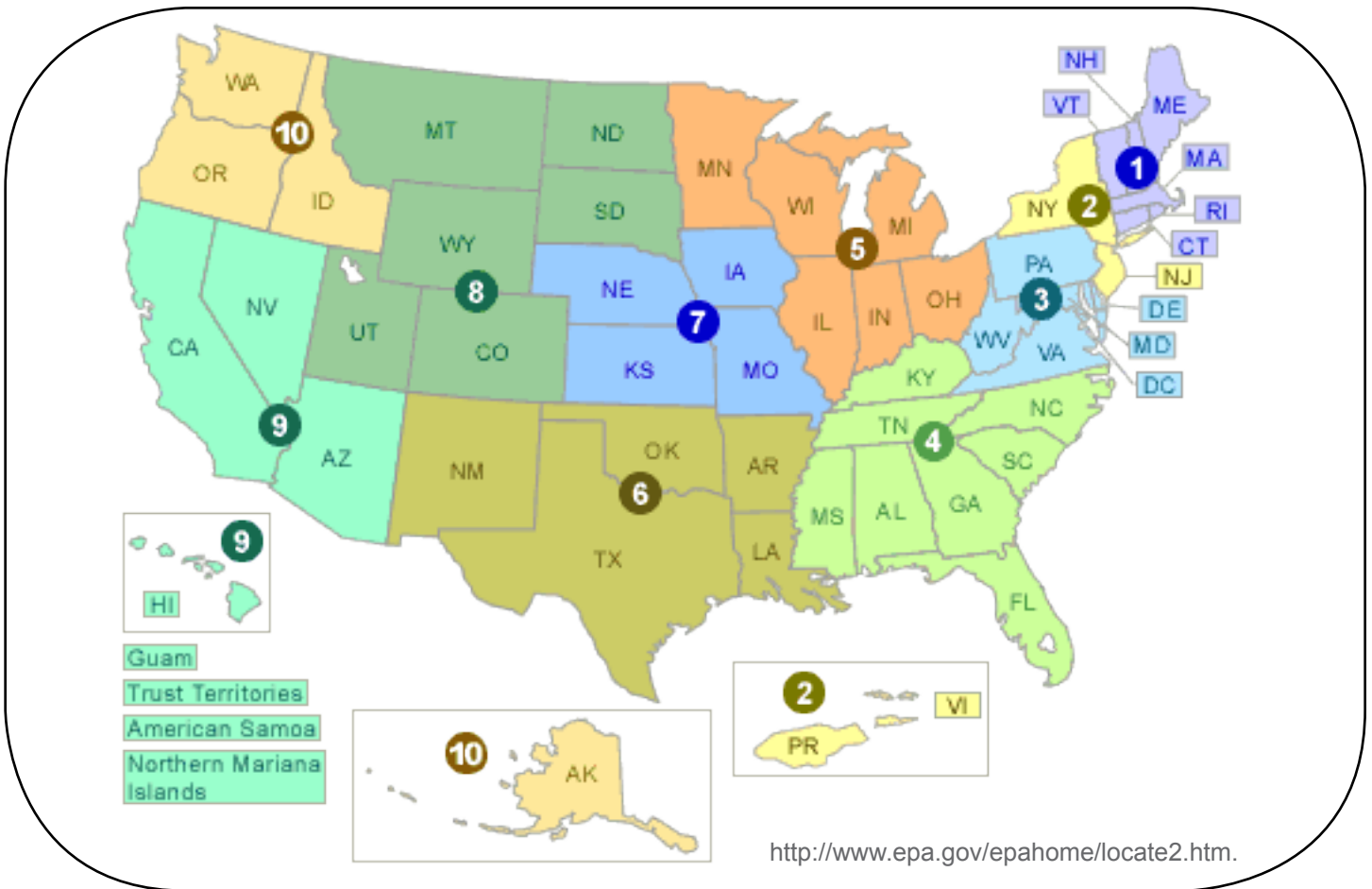
- Advertisements (7)
- Articles (15)
- Fact Sheets (21)
- Legal notices (13)
- Public Availability Sessions (Poster sessions) (20)
- Public Hearings (16)
- Public Meetings (29)
- Public Service Announcements (8)
- Restoration Advisory Boards (30)
- Web sites (15)
- Other (please list): (9)



- CO: Newsletters, speaking engagements
- DC: Community health fairs, earth day events
- MA: Focus groups, speaker's bureau environmental education retreats, lessons learned sessions, dry runs for public presentations, tours, debriefs, planning sessions, poster board sessions
- NM: Technical Planning Process (TPP)
- NJ: Other activities as necessary
- NC: Public information brochures for UXO sites
- OH: School outreach, professional organizations and conferences
- PA: Field trips for the public showing detection technology for UXO
- PR: Monthly bulletin

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

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## States Responding to ASTSWMO Survey

Region 1 - New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts

Region 2 - New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico

Region 3 - Washington DC, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia

Region 4 - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee

Region 5 - Illinois, Michigan, Ohio

Region 6 - Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas

Region 7 - Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska

Region 8 - Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah

Region 9 - Arizona, California, Hawaii

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

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**6. How many federal facility sites is your department/agency actively remediating:**

REGION 1 (MA - 37, NH – 31, RI –200)\*

Department	# Of sites
Total # of Federal Facility Sites	268
Total # of Federal Facility Sites With Active Community Involvement	13
Department of Defense, Installation Restoration	7
Department of Defense, Base Realignment & Closure	7
Department of Defense, Formerly Used Defense Sites	41
Department of Defense, Military Munitions Response	8
Department of Energy	1
Civil Federal Agencies/Federal Land Management (DOI, USDA, etc...)	1 USDA
Please Identify	
Other: (please list)	

REGION 2 (NJ-15, NY-26, PR-9)\*

Department	# Of sites
Total # of Federal Facility Sites	50
Total # of Federal Facility Sites With Active Community Involvement	19
Department of Defense, Installation Restoration	23
Department of Defense, Base Realignment & Closure	7
Department of Defense, Formerly Used Defense Sites	15
Department of Defense, Military Munitions Response	6
Department of Energy	6
Civil Federal Agencies/Federal Land Management (DOI, USDA, etc...)	2
Please Identify	
Other: (please list)	

REGION 3 (DC-6, MD-32, PA-68, VA-73)\*

Department	# Of sites
Total # of Federal Facility Sites	179
Total # of Federal Facility Sites With Active Community Involvement	33
Department of Defense, Installation Restoration	105
Department of Defense, Base Realignment & Closure	14
Department of Defense, Formerly Used Defense Sites	14
Department of Defense, Military Munitions Response	102
Department of Energy	3
Civil Federal Agencies/Federal Land Management (DOI, USDA, etc...)	2
Please Identify	
Other: (please list)-FUSRAP	2

\* The numbers in each of the tables represent responding States. They do not represent all of the States/Territories in each of the Regions.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

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**6. How many federal facility sites is your department/agency actively remediating:**

REGION 4 (AL-27, FL-unknown, GA-15, KY-10, NC-17, TN-18)\*

Department	# Of sites
Total # of Federal Facility Sites	87
Total # of Federal Facility Sites With Active Community Involvement	30
Department of Defense, Installation Restoration	55
Department of Defense, Base Realignment & Closure	17
Department of Defense, Formerly Used Defense Sites	37
Department of Defense, Military Munitions Response	5
Department of Energy	2
Civil Federal Agencies/Federal Land Management (DOI, USDA, etc...)	7
Please Identify	
Other: (please list) - property transfer & NASA	2

REGION 5 (IL-115, IN-14, MI-10, OH-21)\*

Department	# Of sites
Total # of Federal Facility Sites	160
Total # of Federal Facility Sites With Active Community Involvement	18
Department of Defense, Installation Restoration	13
Department of Defense, Base Realignment & Closure	12
Department of Defense, Formerly Used Defense Sites	102
Department of Defense, Military Munitions Response	14
Department of Energy	3
Civil Federal Agencies/Federal Land Management (DOI, USDA, etc...)	1
Please Identify	
Other: (please list)-8 FUSRAP, 1 ARMY "BRAC" agreement	9

REGION 6 (AR-77, NM-257, TX-58)\*

Department	# Of sites
Total # of Federal Facility Sites	392
Total # of Federal Facility Sites With Active Community Involvement	33
Department of Defense, Installation Restoration	25
Department of Defense, Base Realignment & Closure	9
Department of Defense, Formerly Used Defense Sites	109
Department of Defense, Military Munitions Response	15
Department of Energy	5
Civil Federal Agencies/Federal Land Management (DOI, USDA, etc...)	
Please Identify	
Other: (please list)-	

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

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**6. How many federal facility sites is your department/agency actively remediating:**

REGION 7 (KS-149, MO-272, NE-10)\*

Department	# Of sites
Total # of Federal Facility Sites	431
Total # of Federal Facility Sites With Active Community Involvement	21
Department of Defense, Installation Restoration	9
Department of Defense, Base Realignment & Closure	2
Department of Defense, Formerly Used Defense Sites	158
Department of Defense, Military Munitions Response	2
Department of Energy	3
Civil Federal Agencies/Federal Land Management (DOI, USDA, etc...)	6
Please Identify	
Other: (please list) - property transfer & NASA	1

REGION 8 (CO-12, ND-2, SD-5, UT-78)\*

Department	# Of sites
Total # of Federal Facility Sites	97
Total # of Federal Facility Sites With Active Community Involvement	16
Department of Defense, Installation Restoration	7
Department of Defense, Base Realignment & Closure	3
Department of Defense, Formerly Used Defense Sites	70
Department of Defense, Military Munitions Response	2
Department of Energy	3
Civil Federal Agencies/Federal Land Management (DOI, USDA, etc...)	5
Please Identify	
Other: (please list) - property transfer & NASA	

REGION 9 (AZ-22, CA-161 (DOD only), HI-50)\*

Department	# Of sites
Total # of Federal Facility Sites	233
Total # of Federal Facility Sites With Active Community Involvement	7
Department of Defense, Installation Restoration	136
Department of Defense, Base Realignment & Closure	48
Department of Defense, Formerly Used Defense Sites	1315 (CA 1300)
Department of Defense, Military Munitions Response	
Department of Energy	
Civil Federal Agencies/Federal Land Management (DOI, USDA, etc...)	
Please Identify	
Other: (please list)	

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# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

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## 7. What resources, materials, or guidances has your department/agency found useful when working on federal facility community involvement issues?

### Restoration Advisory Board Information

- Guidelines on the operation of Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs)
- There has been very little outreach to the community on DoD sites. RABs have been the main vehicle by which our State has participated in public outreach.
- The State Hazardous Waste Program and the two Air Force Bases, a part of their RAB have tried various methods to encourage public participation.

### Public Participation Information

- Public Outreach materials provided by the federal site
- Displays of sample ordnance items
- Aerial and still photos
- Educational materials, e.g. technology, groundwater models, etc.
- 1996 RCRA Public Participation Manual (EPA Guidance Document – [www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/permit/pubpart/manual.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/permit/pubpart/manual.htm))
- A Ladder of Citizen Participation by Sherry Arstein, JAIP, Vol. 35, No.4, July 1969, pgs. 216 -24.
- Getting in Step – Pathway to Effective Outreach and Involvement in Your Community, EPA 2003
- The model plan for public participation, EPA 2000
- Technical Assistance for Public Participation Guidance
- The most effective tool is direct communication
- News releases

### Federal and State Laws

- CERCLA Guidance and public meeting press releases
- Appropriate laws and regulations and the following reports, manuals and guidance documents:
  - o RAB Report to Congress
  - o RAB Implementation Guidelines
  - o California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Public Participation Manual
  - o Public Involvement in RCRA Permits
  - o Working effectively with Tribal Governments
  - o Federal Facilities Environmental Restoration Dialogue Committee (FFERDC) Report
  - o EPA's Community Involvement Handbook
- The State role has always been in response to requests for assistance from the Services, such as our participation on RABs. However, the cooperative relationships that we have with the Services as a result of our formal partnerships have assisted with working with the communities.

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

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**7. What resources, materials, or guidances has your department/agency found useful when working on federal facility community involvement issues?**

- Administrative Record
- CERCLA/NCP
- Massachusetts Contingency Plan Regulation, Subpart N – Public Involvement Superfund – Community Involvement Program
- State requirements
- We do not view this aspect of our federal facilities as being different than any other site and use a guidance document that is being finalized as a rule here in our State (NJ).
- Annual Reports to the Public issues from other States.
- EPA, Fish and Wildlife, and DOD resources and contractors
- ATSDR Toxics Fact Sheets
- EPA OSWER documents and Fact Sheets

**8. What web sites has your agency found useful when working on community involvement issues at federal facilities?**

- [www.afcee.brooks.af.mil/pro-act/fact/rab.asp](http://www.afcee.brooks.af.mil/pro-act/fact/rab.asp)
- [www.asaie.army.mil/pitoolbox](http://www.asaie.army.mil/pitoolbox)
- [www.astswmo.org](http://www.astswmo.org)
- [www.cpeo.org](http://www.cpeo.org)
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- [www.epa.gov/publicinvolvement](http://www.epa.gov/publicinvolvement)
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- [www.epa.gov/swerffrr/stakeholder](http://www.epa.gov/swerffrr/stakeholder)
- [www.ewg.org](http://www.ewg.org) (Environmental Working Group)
- [www.gjo.doe.gov](http://www.gjo.doe.gov)
- [www.hillrab.org](http://www.hillrab.org) (Hill Air Force Base)
- [www.itrc.org](http://www.itrc.org)
- [www.landuse.org](http://www.landuse.org) (Smarter Land Use Project)
- [www.miltoxproj.org](http://www.miltoxproj.org)
- [www.mmr.org](http://www.mmr.org) (MMR AirForce IRP program)
- [www.neetf.org](http://www.neetf.org) (National Environmental Education Training Foundation)
- [www.usace.army.mil/inet/usace-docs/eng-pamphlets/ep1110-3-8/basdoc.pdf](http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/usace-docs/eng-pamphlets/ep1110-3-8/basdoc.pdf)
- [www.webdirectory.com](http://www.webdirectory.com) (Environment Directory)
- Community based RAB websites
- State government websites

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

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**9. Please feel free to comment on other areas of federal facilities and community involvement, not covered in this survey.**

- Department of Defense (DOD) must take the lead in conducting community involvement for federal facilities.
- Membership drives/recruitment strategies are key for diverse inclusive public involvement.
- Maintaining team membership over lengthy cleanup timeframes.
- At the DOE Fernald cleanup in SW Ohio, we have found that involving the public early in decision-making allows for a smoother process and better decisions.
- Community relations are normally coordinated through each of our 6 regional offices in Pennsylvania. The Region CRC is the primary point of contact for each region. The Central office in Harrisburg may become involved in certain cases as well as program people from Central and Regional Office. Federal Facilities in PA, for the most part, are not treated any differently than other facilities as far as community relations are concerned. The DEP Citizens Advisory Council also provides input to the Department on issues dealing with public participation.
- RABs as a necessity and how to work through lack of participation.
- State participation in public meetings regarding UXO removal actions is limited due to the State need to gain expertise in this type of cleanup activity.
- Defense Supply Center Richmond puts out a community newsletter; St. Juliens Creek Annex recently completed a community survey for their community involvement plan and is looking at ways to make web-based interaction more accessible to the public. Currently developing interactive electronic Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA).

**10. Would you be willing to share your experience or most valuable tool with other States and Territories as it relates to community involvement at federal facilities?**

- **CA:** Ways to effectively/cooperatively work with all stakeholders regarding federal facilities; successes and problems with RABs; community involvement issues specific to closing/closed military bases; and community involvement as it relates to transferred property from former military bases.
- **CO:** We can provide training in presentation skills and media relations. We are also available to discuss Brownfields, asbestos problems at FUDS, establishing RABs or any other general questions States may have.
- **DC:** We actively participate in annual FUDS Region III programs in which we share our FUDS research with the other Region III States; have prepared a book on how to remediate ordnance and CWM sites; participated in the October 2005 Chesapeake Bioneers Conference.
- **FL:** Partnerships.
- **GA:** The 1996 RCRA Public Participation Manual
- **KY:** Make community involvement a primary job duty of one of the Installation managers or one of the contractors.

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

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10. **Would you be willing to share your experience or most valuable tool with other States and Territories as it relates to community involvement at federal facilities?**
- **MA:** Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR) has 2 DoD cleanup programs: IRP Superfund, and Army Impact Area UXO are high profile sites where community involvement continues to play a major role in the cleanup advisory process. Many lessons learned, many tools used. Community understands that we need to continually get DoD to state their continued commitment at very high levels to ensure CI and cleanup is consistent, transparent, informed, and involved. Getting the right players to the table may be the topic MMR folks would be willing to share stories about.
  - **MI:** Most valuable tool are the RABs and the meetings
  - **NE:** We can share lessons learned with other States through ASTSWMO.
  - **NH:** Community Interviews
  - **NJ:** Treat federal facilities like any other entity; actively participate in the RABs and be visible.
  - **NC:** Our participation in community involvement includes production of two UXO brochures, poster and participation in MMRP public meetings. We are also working with schools to educate children about UXO. A contractor for the RAB at one of our MMRP sites has produced a video and a coloring book to help teach the children about UXO. We are available to discuss our experiences with community involvement with anyone interested.
  - **PA:** Our biggest federal case is the former Tobyhanna Artillery Range in Monroe and Wayne counties. We have had success with media outreach, including field trip showing our detection technology for UXO, public meeting, conference calls and pre-meeting with elected officials; developing and maintaining a community advisory group; and developing and maintaining a web site for this particular site. This project has been a very successful model of how it can work. The site project manager as well as the regional Community Relations Coordinator would be glad to share some ideas and suggestions utilizing Tobyhanna UXO as a model.
  - **TN:** Personal experience at superfund sites and larger partnerships sites such as Copperhill Mining Site.
  - **UT:** Information Fairs or Poster Session have proved effective alternatives to presenting information and addressing concerns of the community. Having a station to answer health issues with Doctors or Toxicologists, Engineers and Project Managers available for construction questions, and a RAB/Community area to help represent the citizens can thoroughly address specific concerns at a site. Presentation meeting may cover the work being done but rarely provides an in-depth exchange of ideas with the audience. Some members of the community are only interested in one aspect of a site, such as, health or property values. Not everyone wants a history briefing of the site.

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

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## 11. What areas/issues would you like to see the Community Involvement Focus Group research and pursue?

### Need for Public Participation

- How to improve community participation in restoration activities at federal facilities. We are having difficulty getting the community to show enough interest.
- Based upon the successes of our partnerships in Florida, the use of partnerships should be considered.
- Community involvement issues at sites utilizing performance-based contracting.
- Communicating risk about ordnance sites.
- DOD is very slow to act on FUDS. Public involvement would bring interest and money to the program. However, DOD obviously doesn't want to sound any alarms. What role are other States taking in publicizing FUDS issues in their States?
- In many instances, community involvement is an essential part of remedial activities. In some, community involvement is not necessary and can cause problems at a site. I do not feel it is necessary to involve the public in all remedial decisions at a site. But how do we know the difference? When is community involvement necessary?
- How should Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) sites be public noticed? Public involvement at these sites tends to attract people.
- How to address the issue of dysfunctional RABs where some members of the public have thwarted attempts for meaningful dialogue and instead promote their own agenda, which leads to unproductive meetings, discord among RAB members and negative (and inaccurate) publicity.
- How to alert the uninterested public and keep them involved along the entire process so as to avoid crisis in the future. People's time is a commodity.
- Use of local governmental agencies, boards as a way to ensure public input is considered.
- Use of politics, political allies to address the FUDs funding problem.

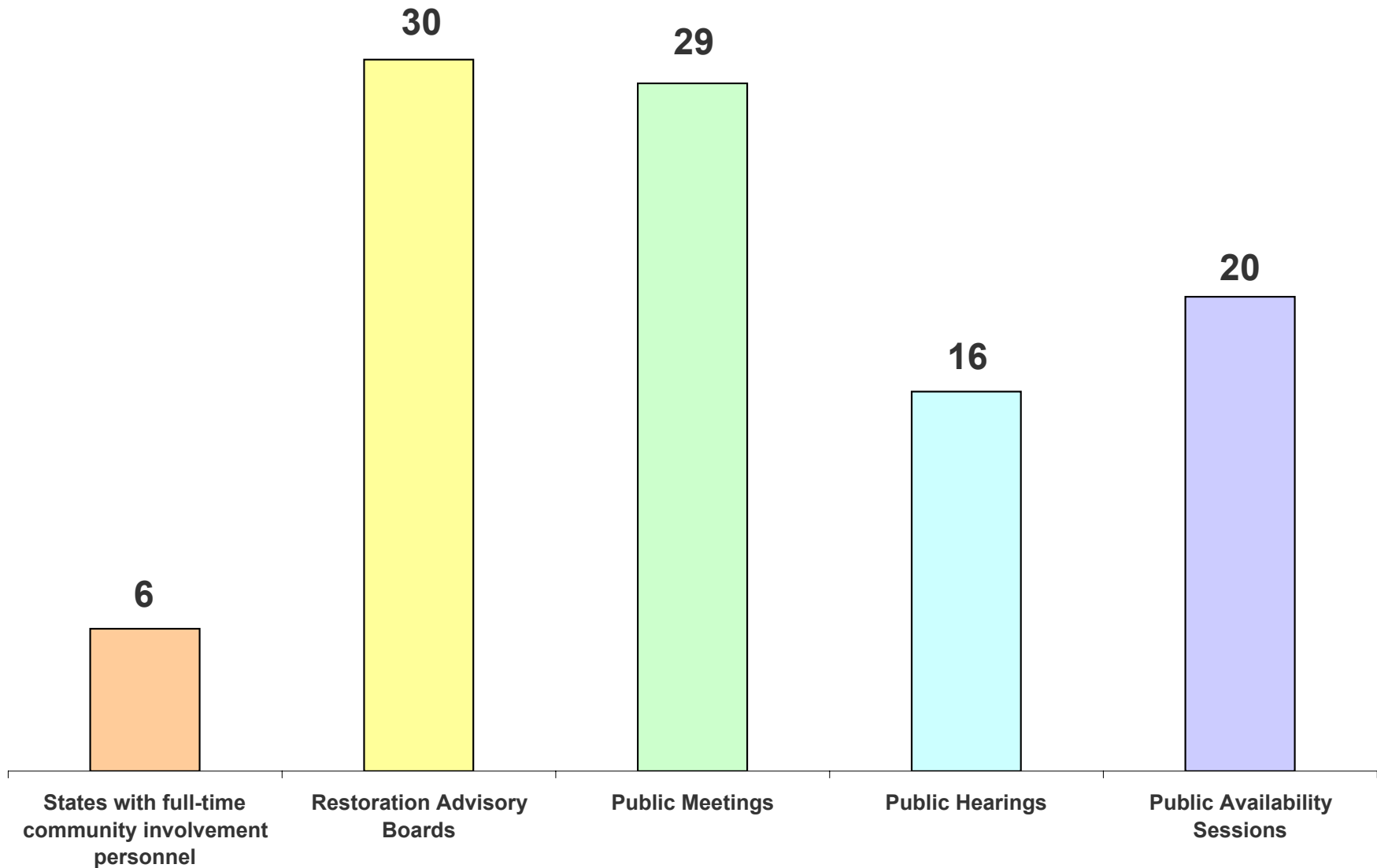
### Specific Tasks Requested

- Organize forums at the ASTSWMO Federal Facilities meeting where case studies of conflict management can be presented and shared.
- Organize training for States regarding federal facilities community involvement policy and regulations.
- Organize States' only list serve where communication/discussion between States can take place.
- Web-based interactive information using GIS layers.

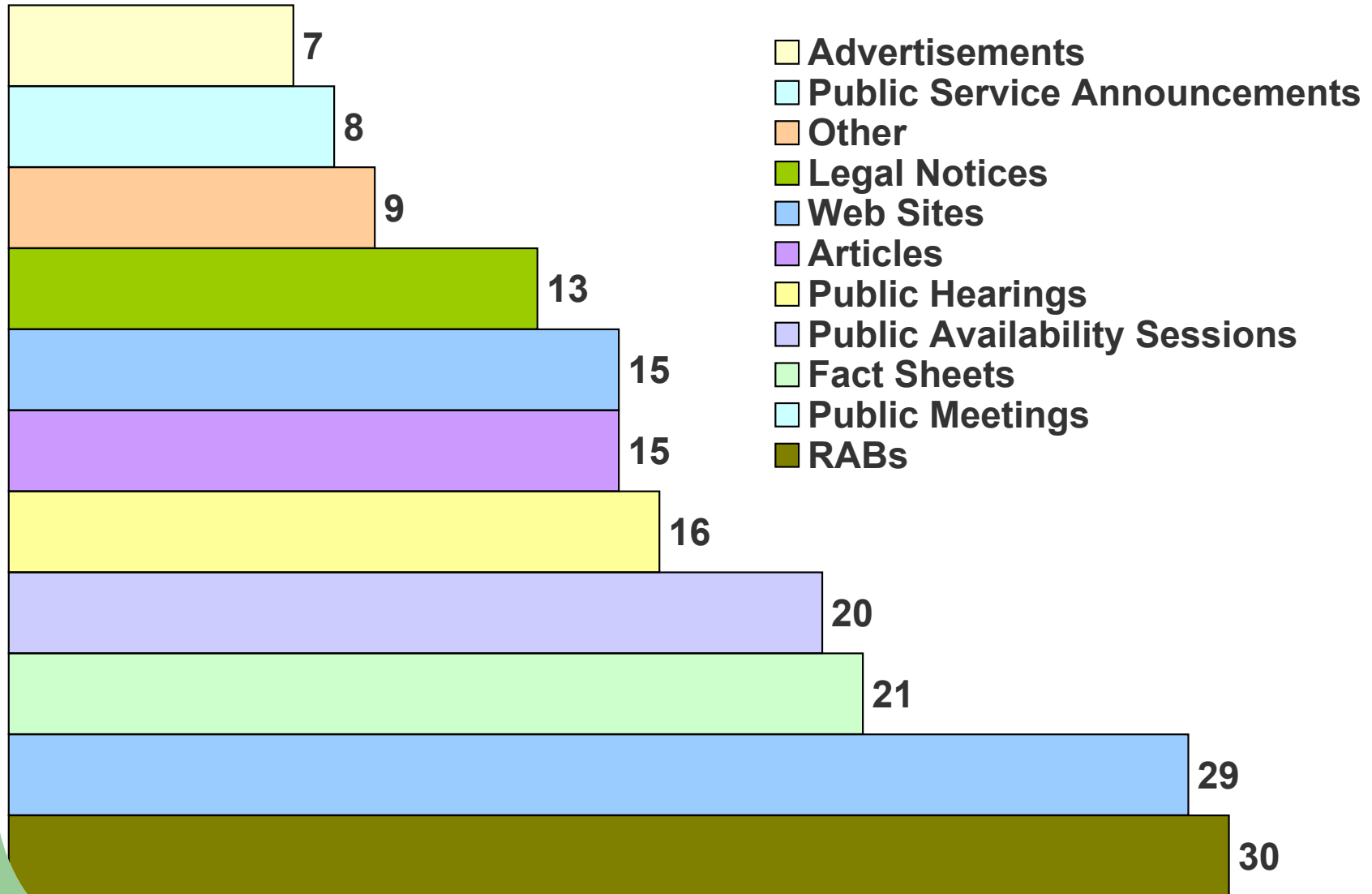
### Suggested Needed Tools

- The need for a guidance document or protocol for setting up a community outreach program.
- Tools for the education of children about UXO sites.
- Effective brochures and poster for public awareness about UXO sites.
- Superfund/Munitions Response Concepts 101 for the citizens.
- Working with communities to develop effective land use controls.

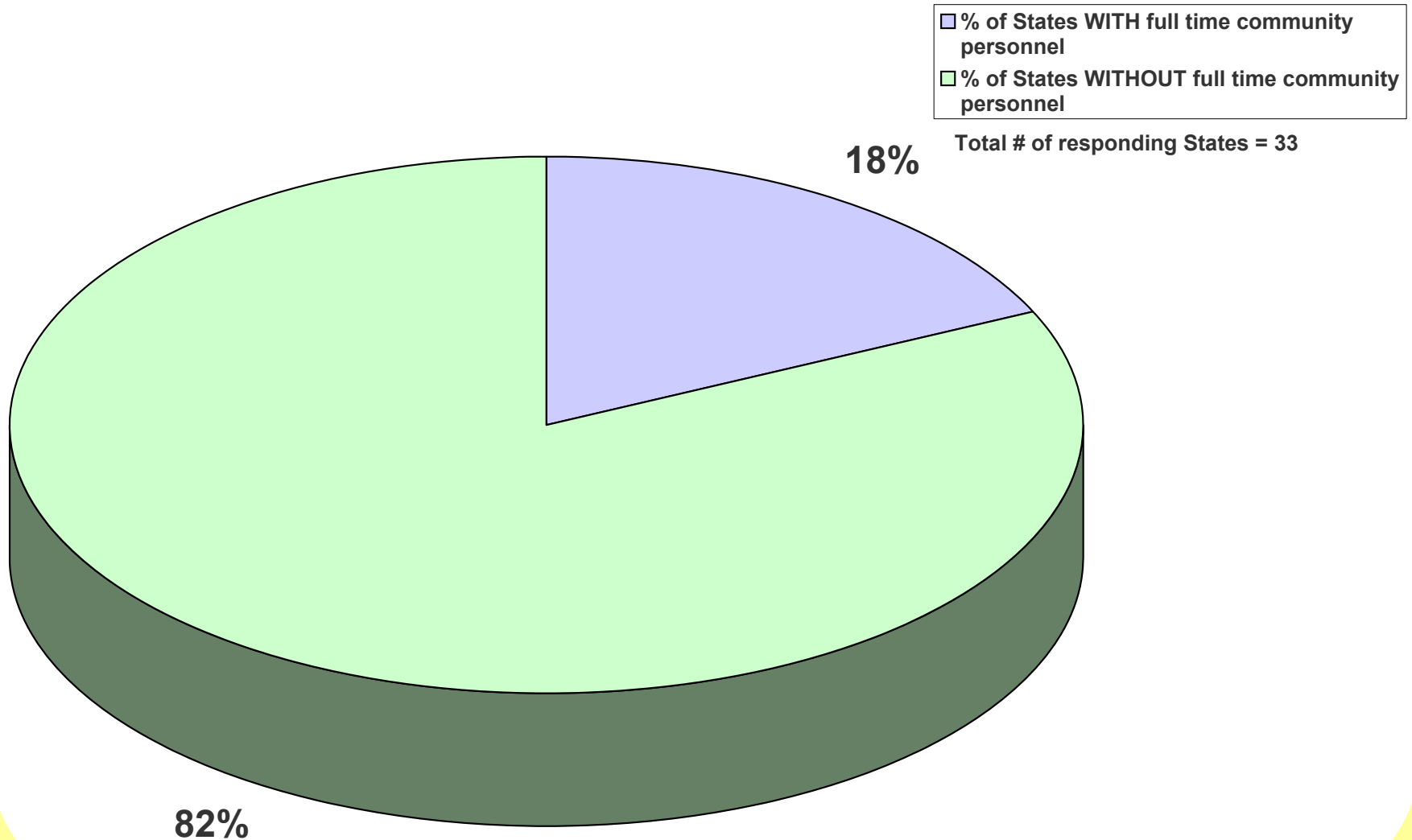
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Community Involvement Activities (Question 5)**



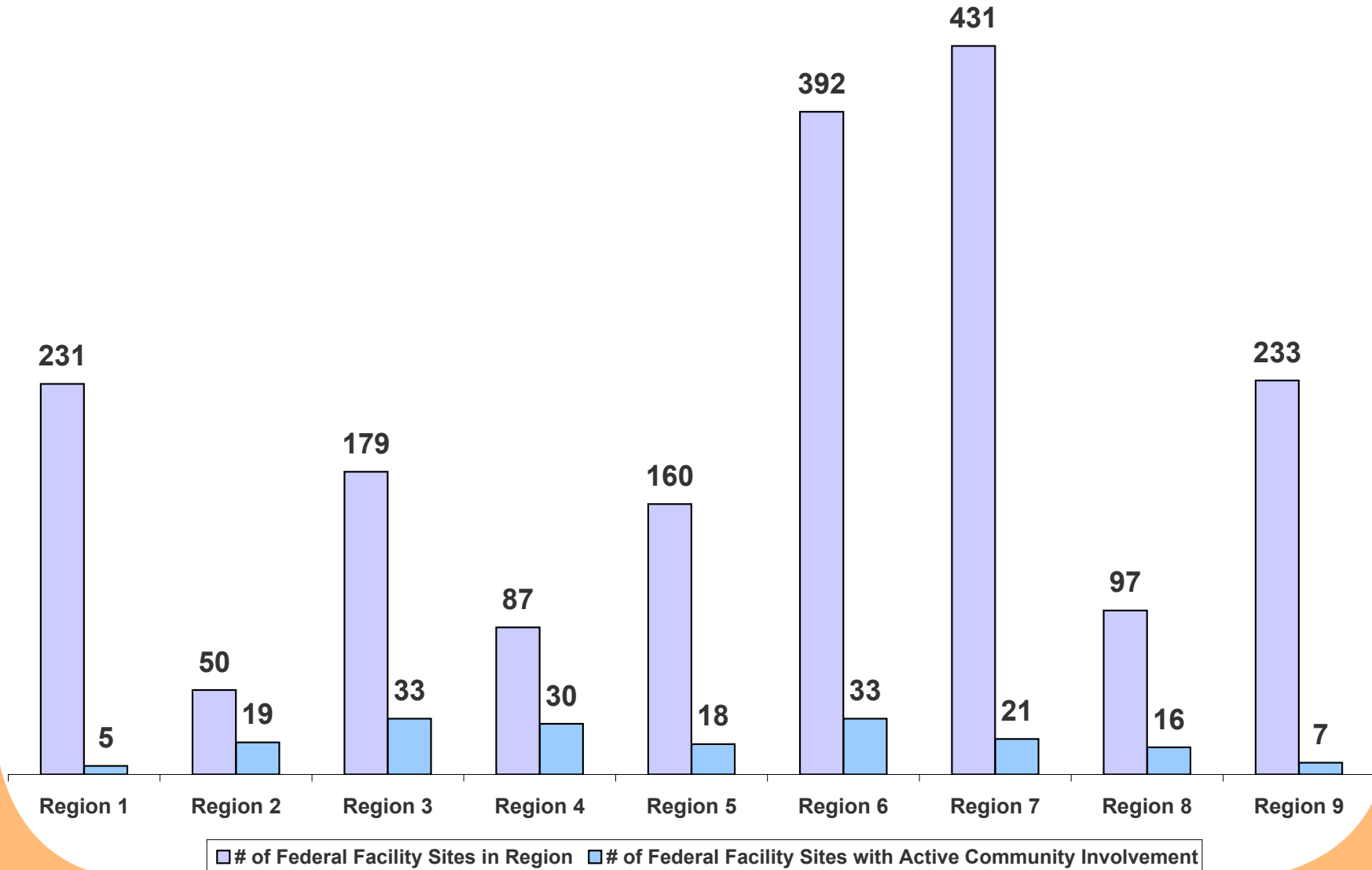
## Types of Community Activities in Various States (Question 5)



## How many States have full time Community Involvement Personnel (Question 3)?

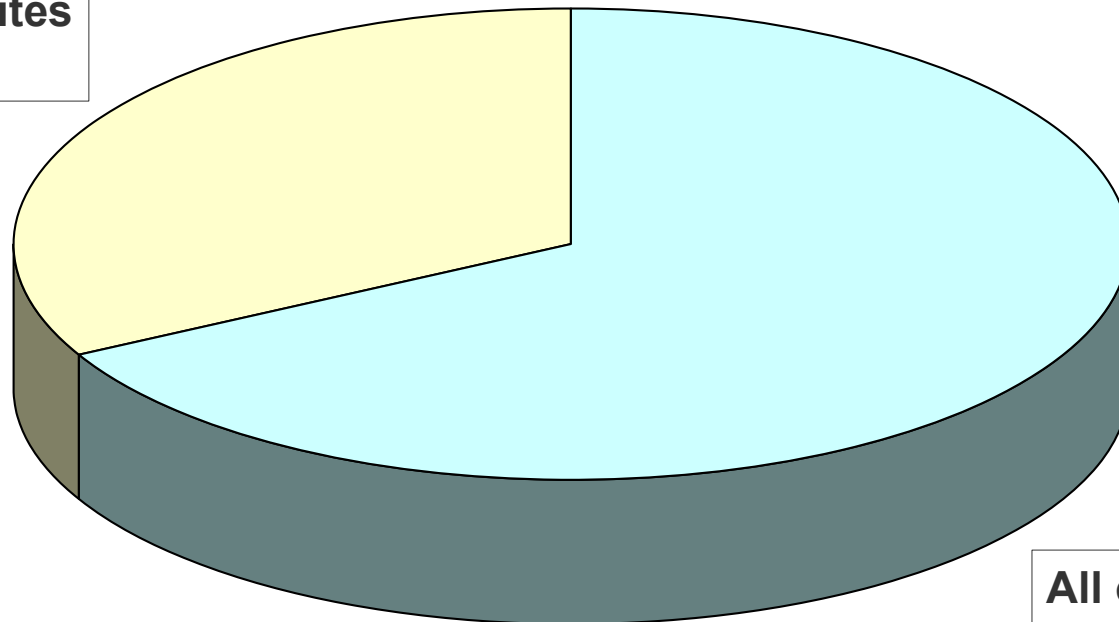


## # of Sites with Active Community Involvement by Region



## **% of FUDS relative to all other types of Federal Facility Sites**

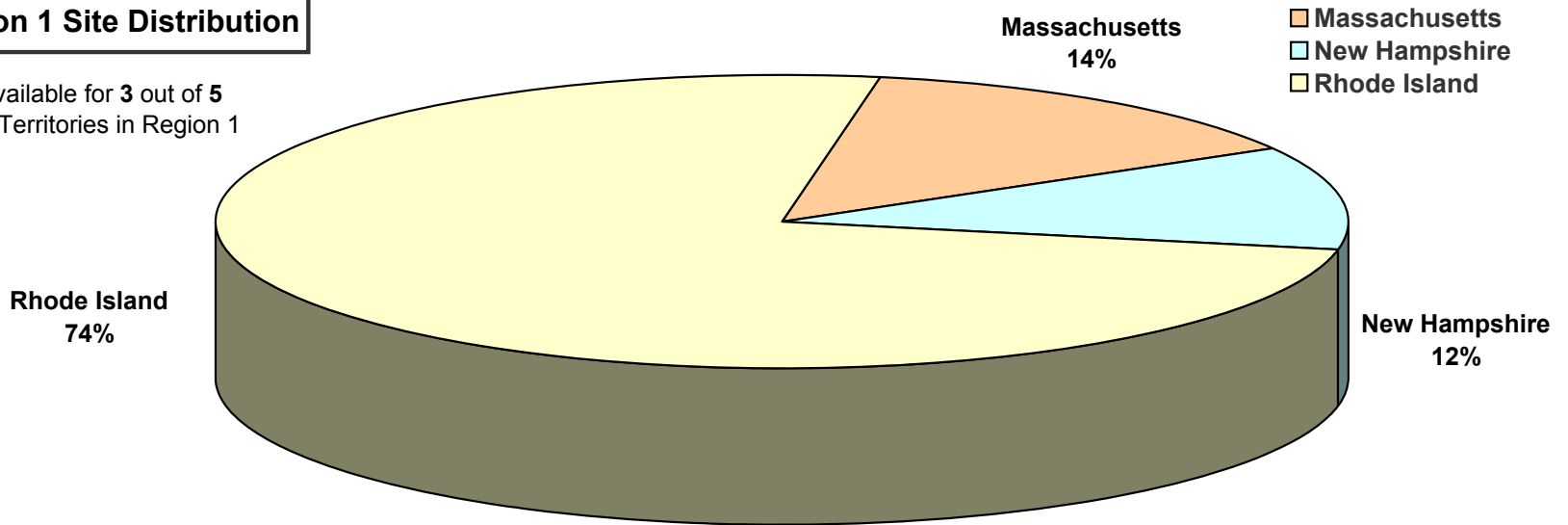
**Formerly Used  
Defense Sites  
33%**



**All other types  
Federal Facility  
Sites  
67%**

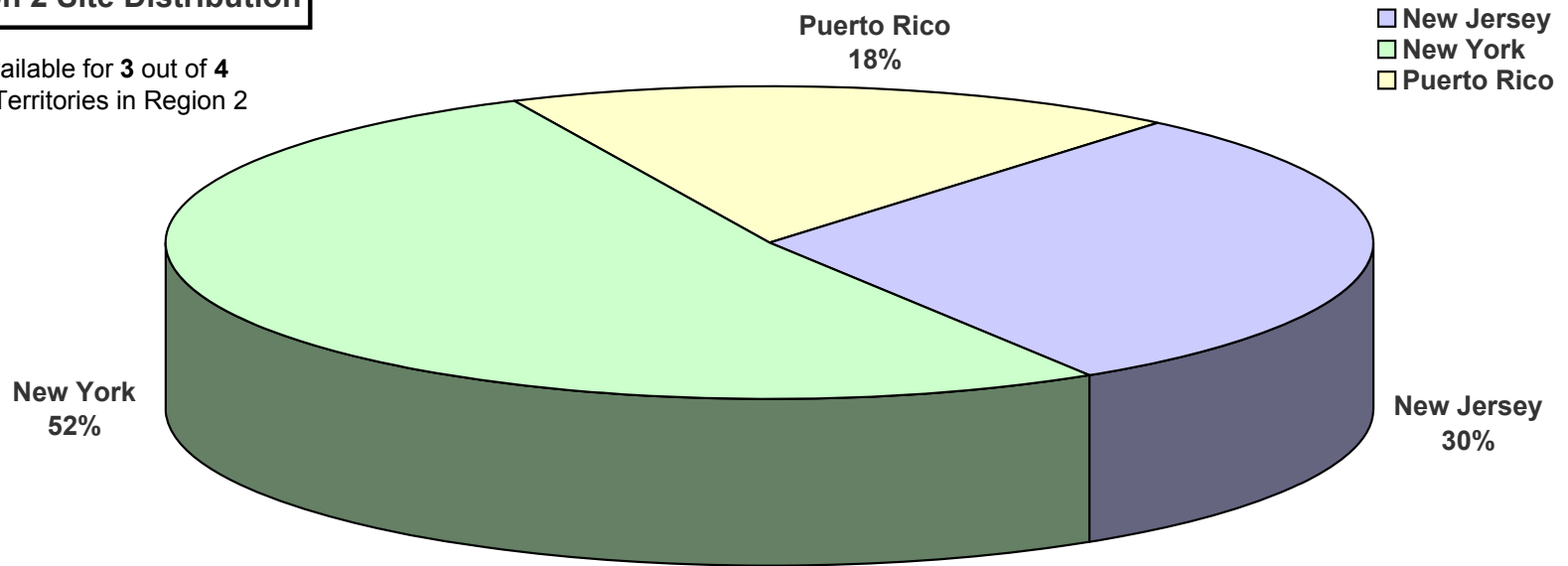
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Data available for 3 out of 5 States/Territories in Region 1



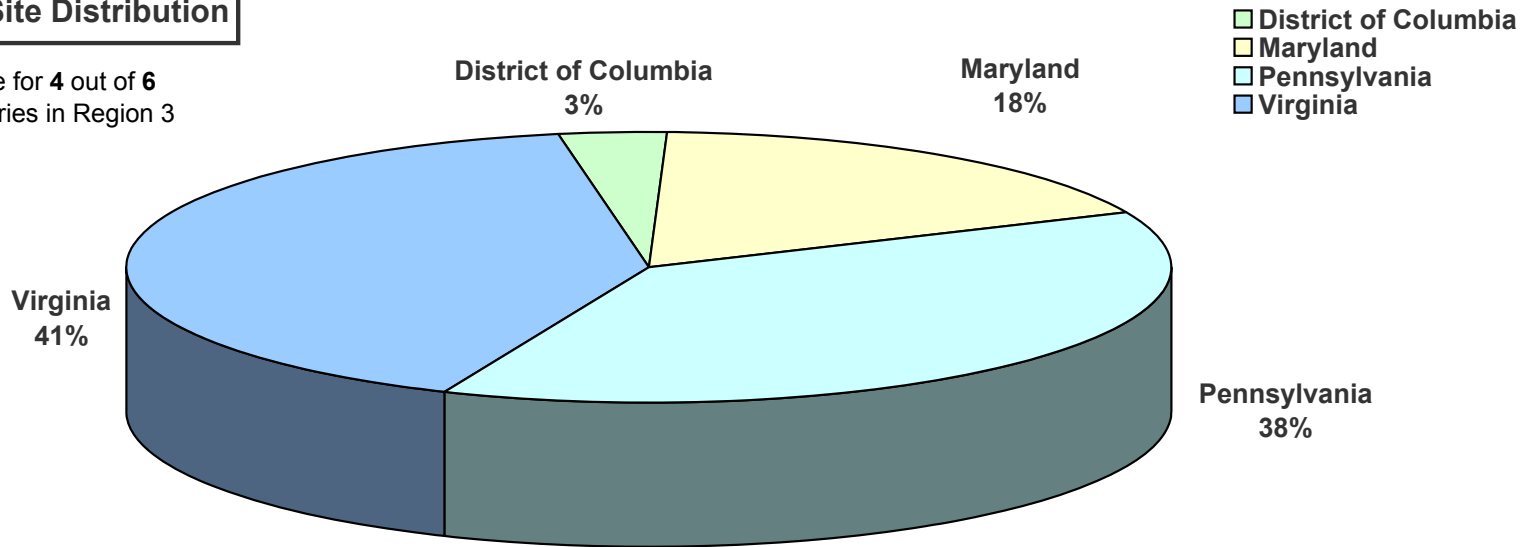
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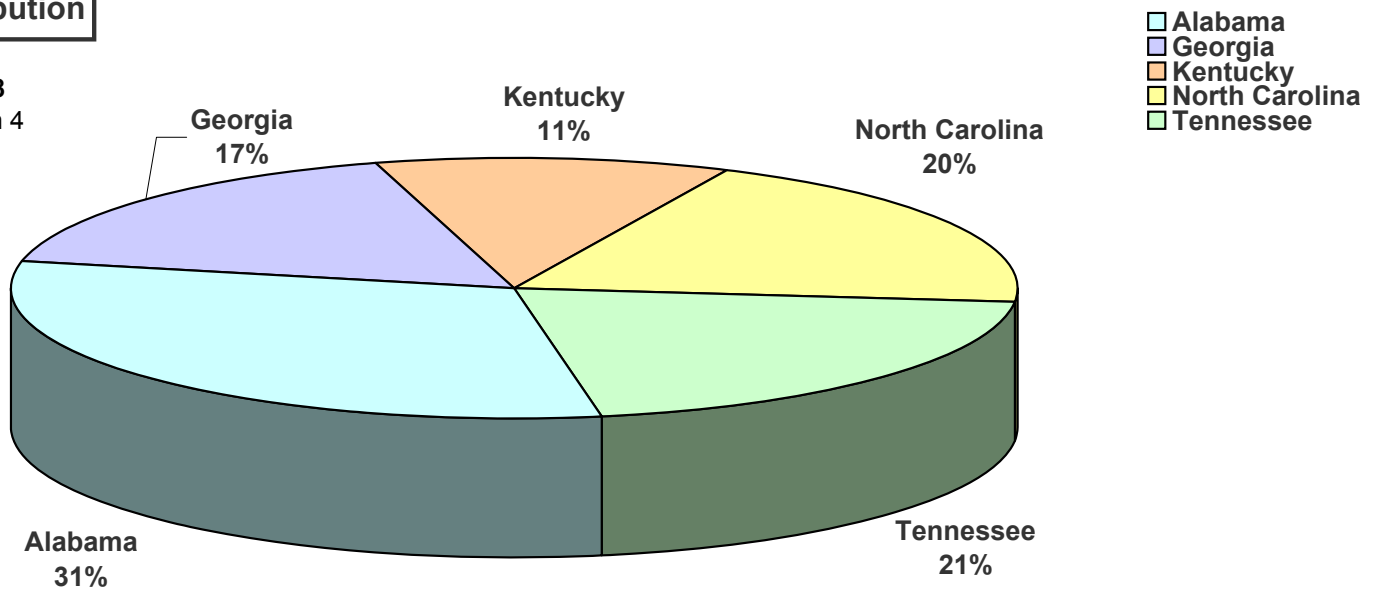
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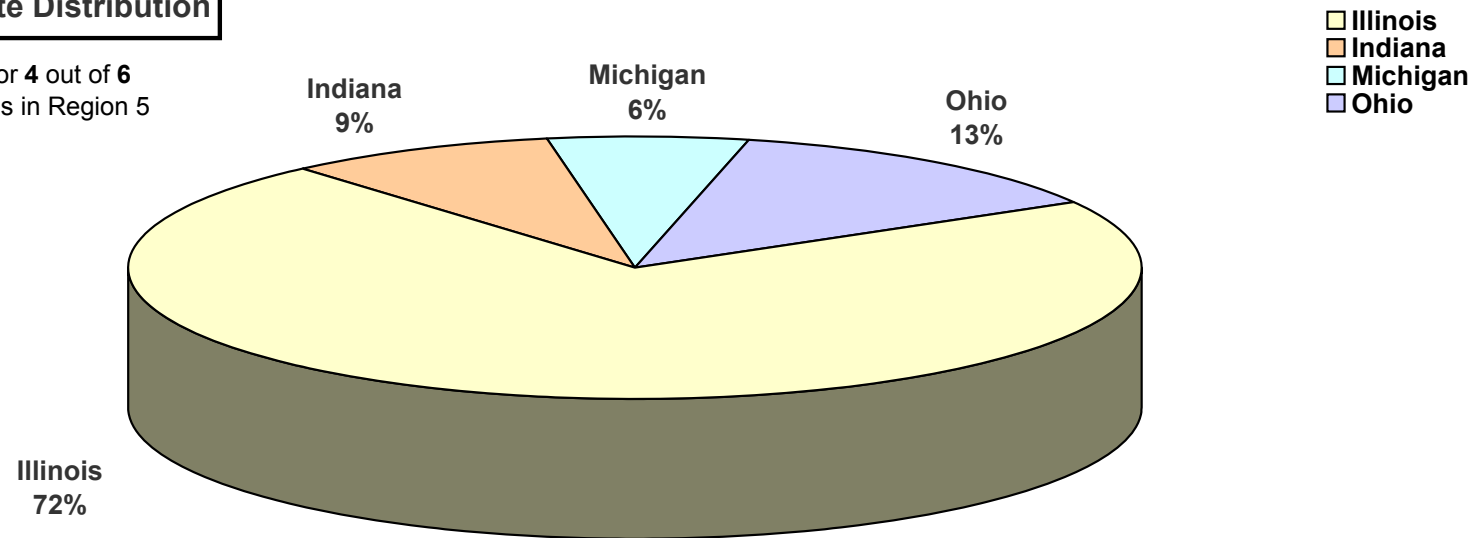
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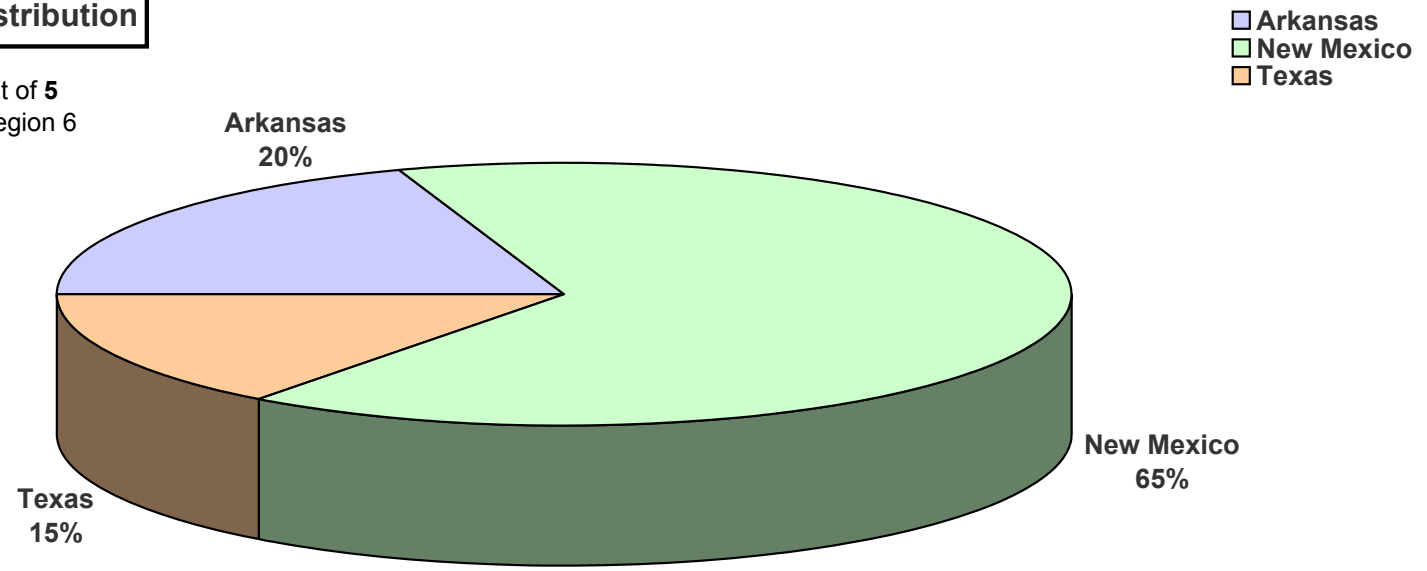
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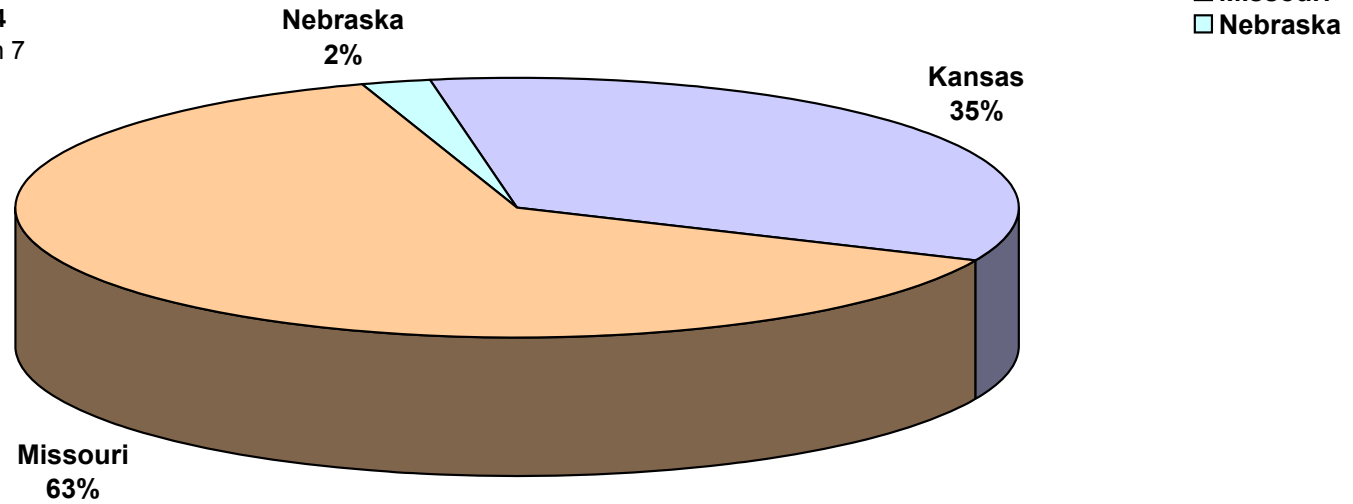
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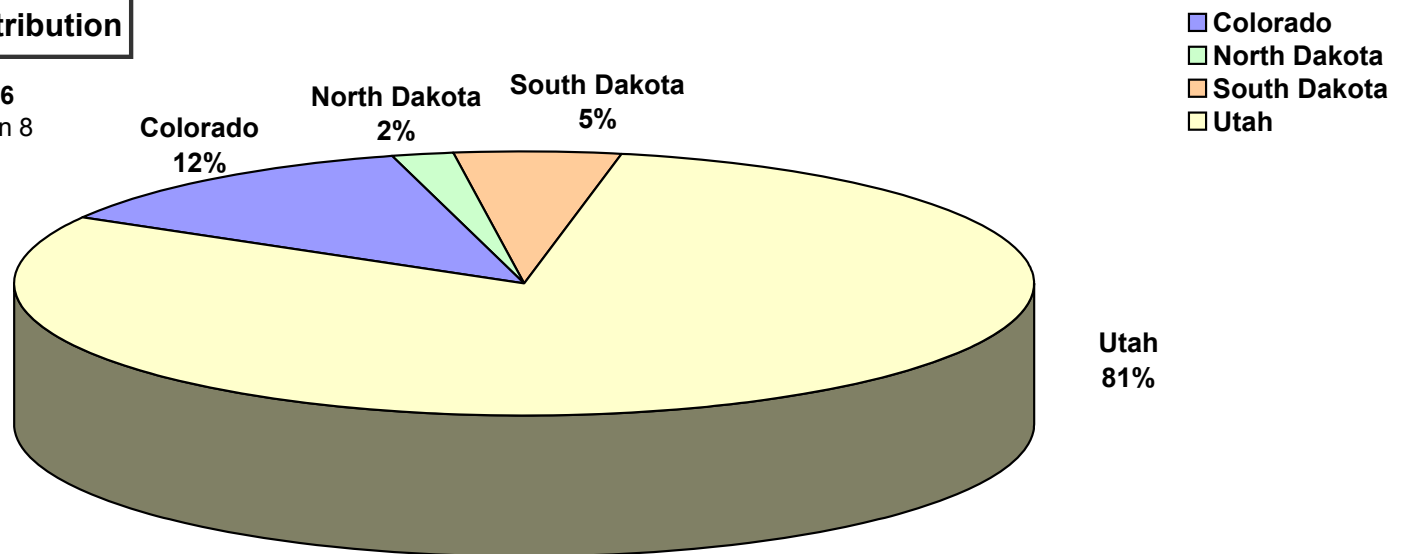
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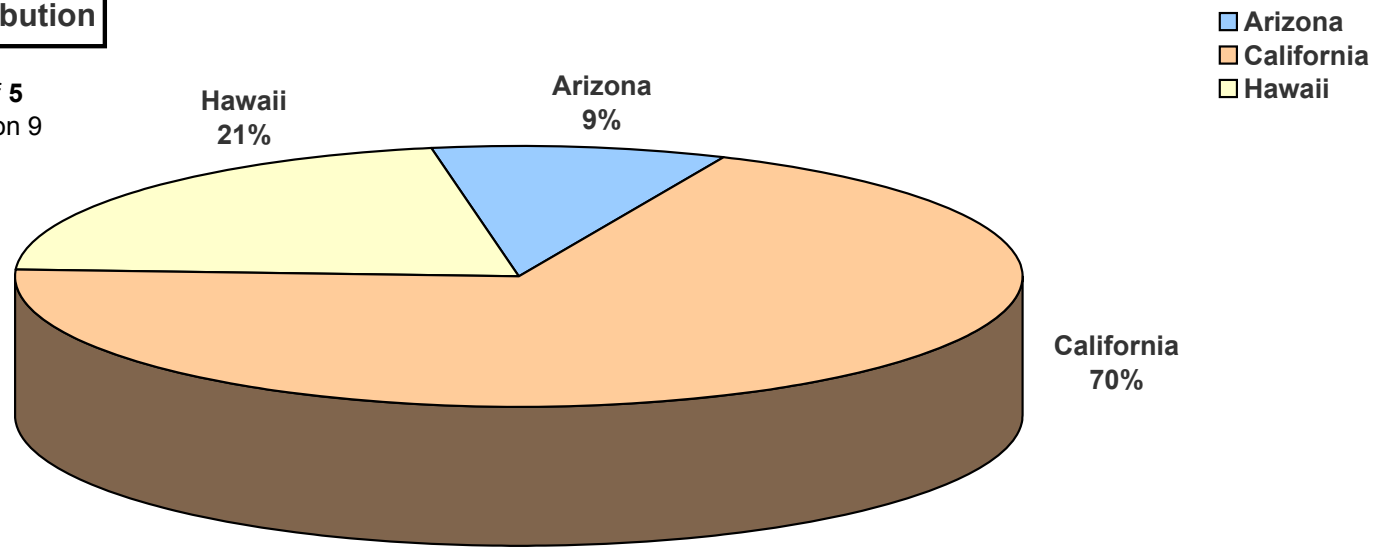
### Region 8 Site Distribution

Data available for 4 out of 6 States/Territories in Region 8



### Region 9 Site Distribution

Data available for 3 out of 5 States/Territories in Region 9



No Data is available for States/Territories in Region 10

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## Community Involvement Questionnaire

Date: September 16, 2005

To: State & Territorial Federal Facility Program Managers

From: ASTSWMO Community Involvement Focus Group

Re: Questionnaire

In November 2004, the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) formed the Community Involvement Focus Group. The mission of this Focus Group is to identify issues of common interest, encourage improved partnerships between State, Communities and Federal agencies, and produce issue papers and other products as necessary to promote State and Territorial interest on issues affecting public information and community involvement at cleanups across the country.

To aid this mission, the ASTSWMO Community Involvement Work Group is gathering contact information that can be shared with other States and Territories that work on community involvement issues as they relate to federal facilities. This information will be compiled and shared with our members to better assist in community involvement efforts. We ask that you return the following questionnaire to ASTSWMO by Friday, October 28, 2005. Should you have any questions, please contact either Dania Rodriguez in the ASTSWMO office ([daniar@sso.org](mailto:daniar@sso.org)) or any of the following Focus Group members:

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1. Please provide the following information of the person submitting this questionnaire.

Name:

Title:

Agency:

Phone:

Email:

2. Do you have a person(s) assigned to work on community involvement activities at federal facility sites? (Please check the appropriate box)  Yes  No  
(Please identify person and position title)

2a. If yes, is this their main responsibility or are these other duties as assigned? (Please check the appropriate box)  Yes  No

2b. If no, who is responsible for your program's Community Involvement requirements? (i.e. Project Manager, Environmental Engineer, etc....) (Please identify person and position title)

2c. Please include a community involvement contact (those responsible for these duties) along with their title, telephone number, e-mail, etc.:

Contact Name:

Title:

Agency/Department:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number:

E-mail Address:

Web Address:

3. What types of community activities does your agency currently participate in as they relate to federal facilities? Please check all that apply:

- Advertisements
- Articles
- Fact Sheets
- Legal notices
- Public Availability Sessions  
(Poster sessions)
- Public Hearings
- Public Meetings
- Public Service Announcements
- Restoration Advisory Boards
- Web sites
- Other (please list):

4. How many federal facility sites is your department/agency actively remediating:

Department # of sites

Total # of Federal Facility Sites

Total # of Federal Facility Sites With Active Community Involvement

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Department of Defense, Base Realignment & Closure

Department of Defense, Formerly Used Defense Sites

Department of Defense, Military Munitions Response

Department of Energy

Civil Federal Agencies/Federal Land Management (DOI, USDA, etc...) Please Identify

Other: (please list)

5a. What resources, materials, or guidances has your department/agency found useful when working on federal facility community involvement issues? (please list)

5b. What web sites has your agency found useful when working on community involvement issues at federal facilities? (please list)

6. Please feel free to comment on other areas of federal facilities and community involvement, not covered in this survey.

7. Would you be willing to share your experience or most valuable tool with other States and Territories as it relates to community involvement at federal facilities?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain/list:

8. What areas/issues would you like to see the Community Involvement Focus Group research and pursue?

**Thank you for your time and assistance.**

