Scope and Role of the Community Advisory Group
What is a Community Advisory Group (CAG)?

- A CAG is a group of individuals representing the diverse interests in a community.
  - A CAG that is broadly representative of the affected community offers EPA a unique opportunity to hear – and seriously consider – community preferences for site cleanup and remediation. (EPA OSWER Directive 9230.0–28)

- Its purpose is to provide a public forum for community members to present and discuss their needs and concerns related to the Superfund decision–making process.

- A CAG provides an opportunity for agencies to share information directly with interested community members, and for community members to discuss their needs and concerns directly with the agencies.
What is a Community Advisory Group (CAG)?

- Better, more informed decisions about site cleanup.
  - EPA cannot, by law, abrogate its responsibility to make the final decisions at a site; however, by providing the perspective of the local community, the CAG can assist EPA in making better decisions. (EPA OSWER Directive 9230.0–28)
  - It is particularly important that in instances where an EPA decision and/or response differs from a stated CAG preference regarding site cleanup, EPA accepts the responsibility of explaining its decision and/or response to CAG members. (EPA OSWER Directive 9230.0–28)
What a CAG Does

- Holds regular meetings to share information.
- Reviews technical information about the site cleanup.
- Connects with the community.
- Works with EPA, State, and City officials to determine information needs.
What is this Community Advisory Group?

Name: VB/I–70 Community Advisory Group

- The purpose of the CAG is to create a communication process among the community, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and the City and County of Denver (City) regarding the Vasquez Boulevard/I–70 Superfund site, with a primary focus on Operable Unit (OU) 2.
Expectations – CAG Members:

- Inform yourself about the issues discussed.
- Attend meetings.
- Be active in meetings (listen and speak).
- Observe CAG rules and procedures.
- Share information and discussions with groups you represent.
Expectations – EPA, State, and City

- Work with CAG members to determine dates, times and places of CAG meetings.
- Announce CAG meetings well in advance.
- Provide necessary information to CAG members in advance of meetings.
- Update CAG on site developments in a timely fashion.
- Be available to CAG members for information and questions.
- Carefully consider and respond to CAG input.