

# Enhancing Community Engagement in the Superfund Research Project

## Enhancing Community Engagement: Project Overview

This collaborative pilot project between the UC Davis Center for Regional Change and Superfund Research Program seeks to develop a robust community involvement component for current and future Superfund research projects. We expect that enhancing the community engagement element of the Superfund Research Program will improve the competitiveness of the Superfund funding renewal in March 2014.

This survey will help shape an August 2013 training on Community Engaged Research to build researchers' capacity to effectively develop, share, and apply new research/technologies and a September 2013 summit for Superfund researchers to initiate collaborations between communities and government agencies regarding possible applications of Superfund research/technologies.

The goals of this survey are to:

1. Learn about your current and future research interests (to inform the convening with communities and government).
2. Understand your familiarity with community engaged research methods (to inform design of training)
3. Gauge your interest in incorporating a community involvement component in your research.

We expect the survey will take 10 minutes to complete.

Please respond by Wednesday, July 24.

Thank you for your participation!

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## 1. Please tell us about yourself.

Name:

Department

Email Address:

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**Brief overview of your current or future research related to involving comm...**

**2. What research topics are you working on and/or interested in that could involve community members or public agencies?**

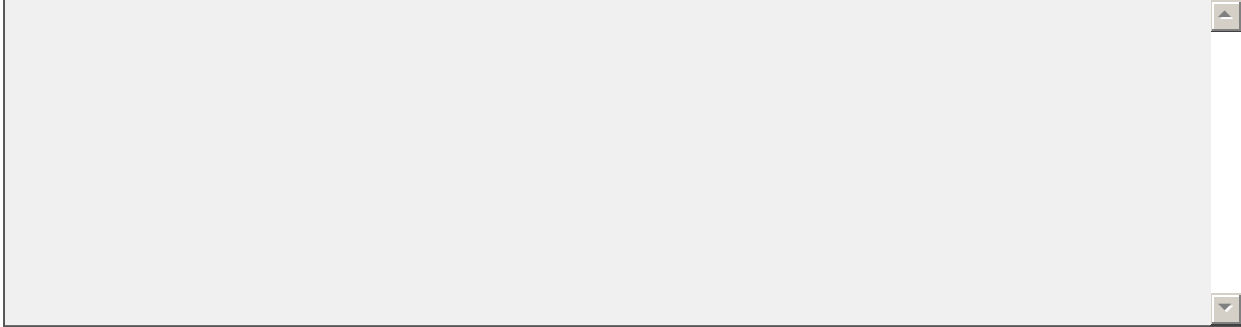
**3. What type of data will you be collecting?**

**4. Please indicate (if any), communities/regions are you interested in working in?**

**5. How can involving community members and/or public agencies benefit your research?**

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**6. What community/societal benefits could your research offer? As an example, you may collect environmental data about a contaminant that community members can present to regulatory agencies to initiate remediation efforts. Please include potential ideas you have in mind, if any.**

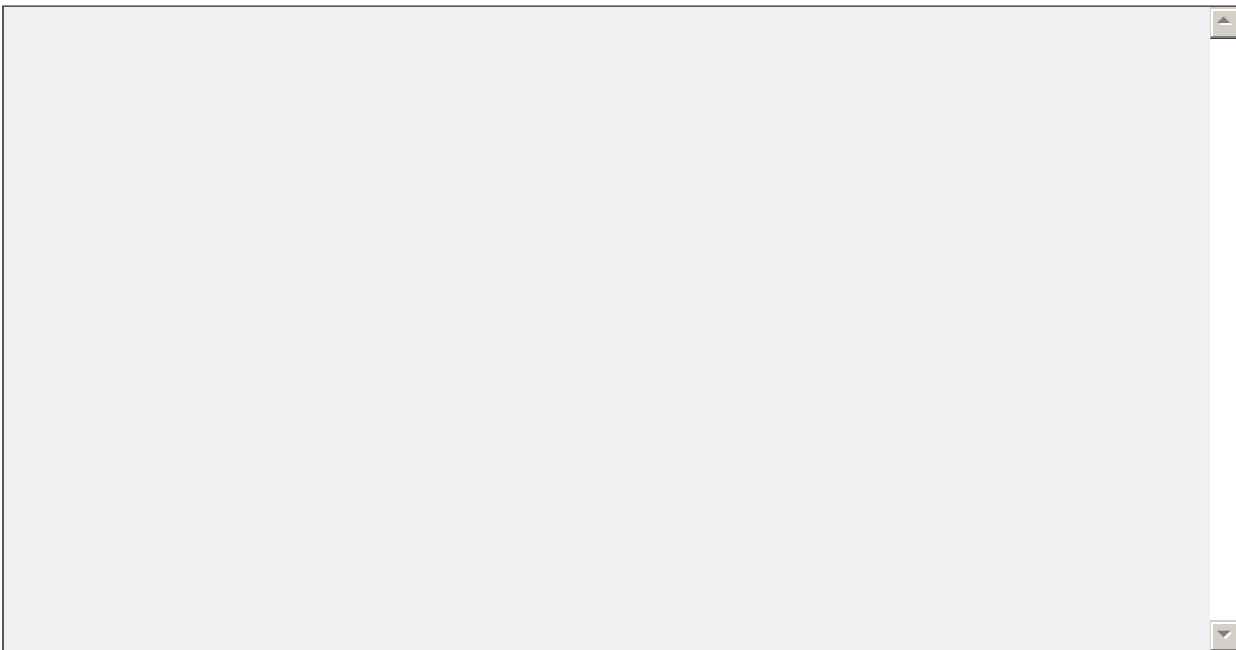


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**\*7. For your current/future research, what are some ways you would like to involve community members and/or government agencies? Select all of the following that apply:**

- Involve community members in advising the project (e.g. informing research questions, data collection, sharing data, sharing findings. Please include any preferences for regions/communities you may already have in comment box).
- Involve government agencies in advising the project (e.g. informing research question, sharing data, sharing findings. Please include names of agencies you may have in mind in comment box.)
- Having community members participate in the research (e.g. collecting samples for laboratory research.)
- Collaborating with community organizations to develop and/or implement small-scale solutions.
- Sharing results of your research through education and outreach activities..
- None of the above.

Other (please specify)

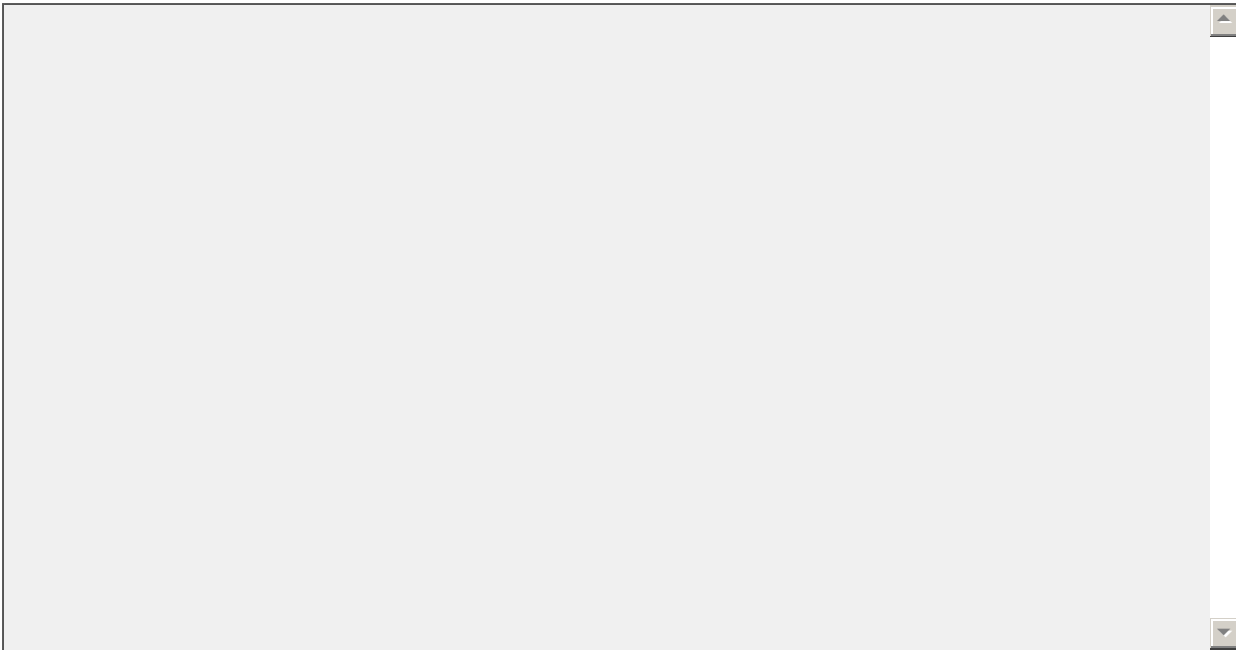


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## 8. What support do you need to increase community engagement and participation in your existing projects?

- Case-studies of successful participatory projects
- Hands-on training in participatory research methods
- Facilitated meetings and conversations with community members

Other (please specify)

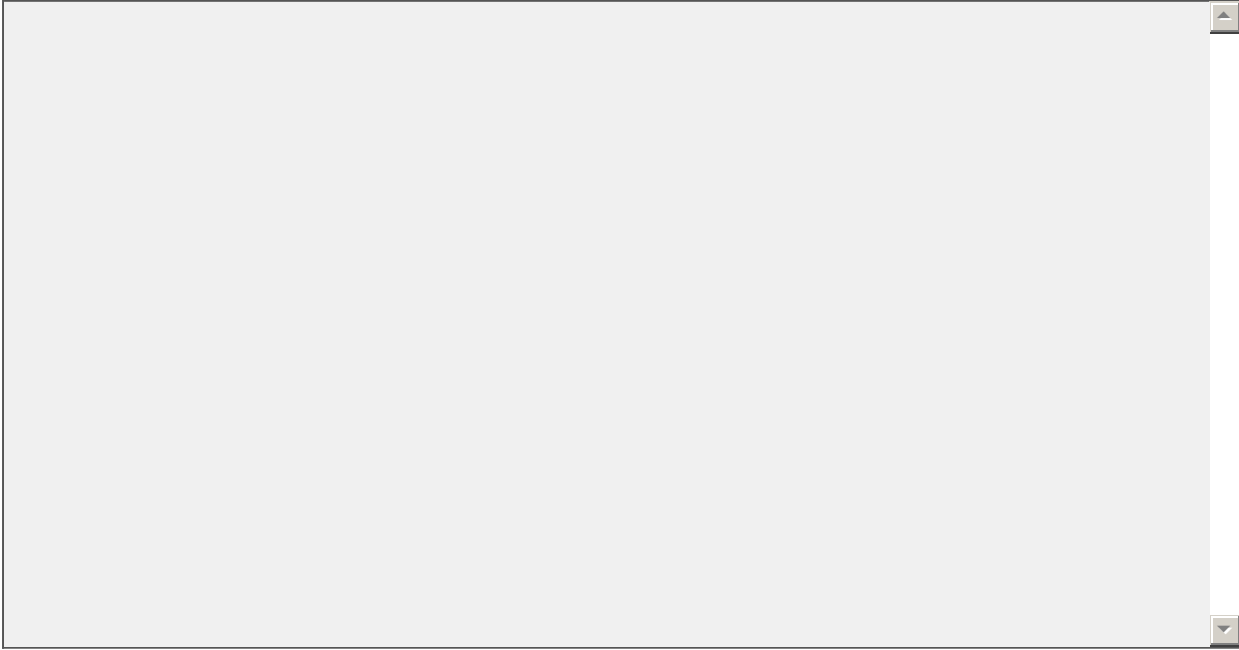


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**9. Do you have any concerns about collaborating with communities/government agencies in your research?**

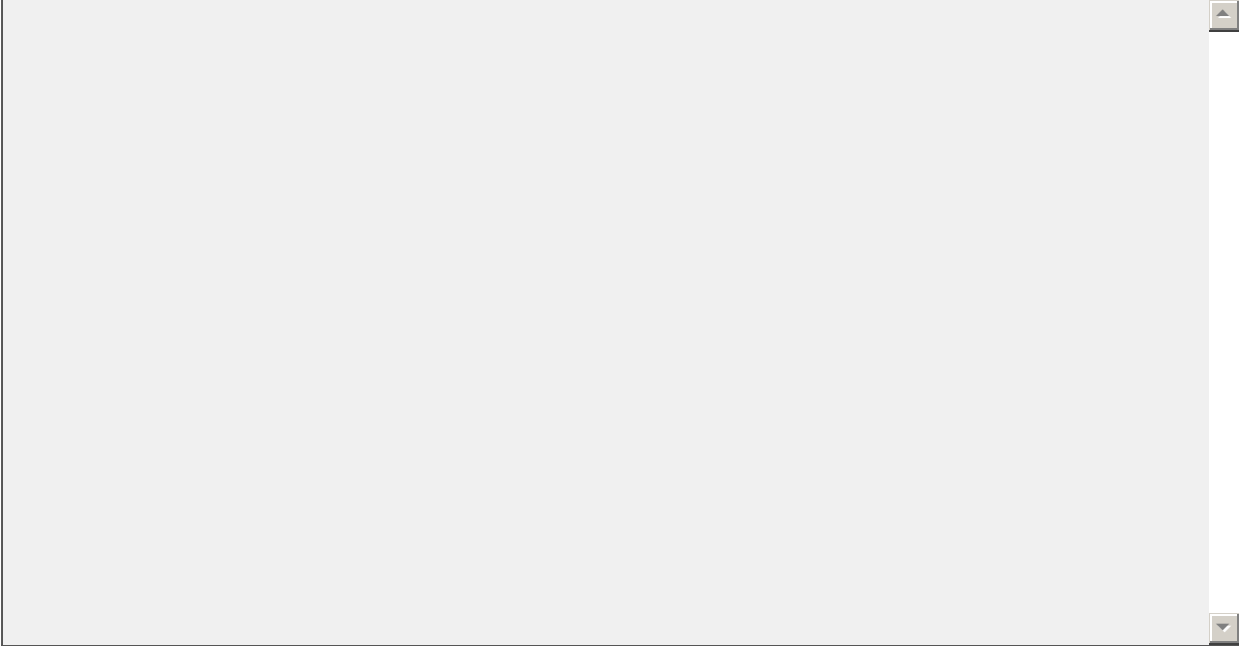
- No
- Yes

If yes, please explain:



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**10. Please add any additional comments here that you would like us to consider regarding the collaborative pilot project.**

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