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**NAVSTA MAYPORT
RAB COMMUNITY BRIEFING
13 DECEMBER 1994, 6:30 P.M.
MEETING SUMMARY**

- NAVSTA Mayport PAO LT John Wallach gave a brief introduction to describe the purpose of the meeting, introduce Navy personnel present and inform the audience of the role of the Public Affairs Office. The PAO then turned the meeting over to NAVSTA Mayport Commanding Officer CAPT Scott Cantfil.
- CAPT Cantfil provided a brief overview of the environmental program at NAVSTA Mayport, describing the four pillars of the program: conservation, compliance, cleanup, and pollution prevention. He then introduced the Staff Civil Environmental Engineer, Cheryl Mitchell.
- Ms. Mitchell gave an overhead slide presentation describing the RAB, how it is selected, and its functions and responsibilities [see attached]. The floor was then opened for question and answer session.

QUESTIONS ASKED AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

Q: How long are RAB members expected to serve on the RAB?

A: A 2-years commitment is preferred to provide continuity on the RAB. The cleanup at NAVSTA Mayport will take at least a decade and is funding-driven. NAVSTA Mayport would like to keep the community involved throughout the cleanup process.

Q: Are there RABs at other military bases? Are they positive experiences?

A: Yes, there is a DoD directive that RABs be established at military bases all around the country. So far they have had positive input into environmental decisions.

Q: How much of a time commitment will be required?

A: The length and frequency of the meetings will be determined by the RAB members themselves. The members will spend their own time, outside of scheduled meetings, to review documents. These documents are available to the public. RAB members will receive training to understand these documents.

Q: There is a lot of publicity about NAS Jacksonville, but hardly anything about NAVSTA Mayport. Is the situation at NAVSTA Mayport not as bad?

A: Investigations at NAVSTA Mayport started in early 1992, later than at NAS Jacksonville and NAS Cecil Field. Cleanups are anticipated this fiscal year at NAVSTA Mayport. The base is not an NPL sites like NAS Jacksonville or NAS Cecil Field.

Q: How does the public get information?

A: An information repository has been established at the Beaches Library. All materials about the environmental program at NAVSTA Mayport that are available to the public are in the repository. The librarians are aware that NAVSTA Mayport has a separate bookcase and can assist community members in finding it.

Q: Is a cleanup underway?

A: Several cleanup plans are anticipated and are in review with the regulatory agencies - the FDEP and the EPA.

Is there anything we should have done differently in presenting this material?

- "A little more emphasis on specific areas concerning the IR [Installation Restoration] as opposed to other measures, including recycling and procedures preventing contamination."
- "Be more specific about what exactly needs to be cleaned up - i.e. chemicals, poisons, torpedoes, etc."

Additional comments

- "Next time specify which room the meeting takes place, Fletcher High is huge."
- "Good short to the point meeting."

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Naval Station Mayport

PURPOSE OF THE RAB

- Act as forum for 2-way communication between community members and decision makers.
- Provide an opportunity for community members to participate in the decision-making process.
- Facilitate environmental cleanup at Naval Station Mayport.

THE RAB WILL *NOT*:

- Make final decisions on cleanup activities.
- Take the place of existing community outreach programs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR RAB ELIGIBILITY

- Willing to consistently devote required time to RAB.
- Willing to represent a group impacted by environmental cleanup efforts.
- Willing to serve as a liaison between Naval Station Mayport and the community.
- Willing to serve as a volunteer.

RAB ORIENTATION

- **Introduction to terminology.**
- **Cleanup process and regulations.**
- **RAB function, roles and responsibilities.**
- **Tour of facility and discussion of operational mission.**
- **Overview of environmental cleanup activities.**
- **Discussion of roles as community liaisons.**
- **Risk communication and communication techniques.**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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