

Restoration Advisory Board Fact Sheet

Long Beach Naval Complex
Long Beach Naval Shipyard & Naval Station Long Beach
Long Beach, California

February, 1994

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)

Background

The Navy is cleaning up the Long Beach Naval Complex through the Installation Restoration (IR) Program. The goals of the IR Program are to identify, investigate, and cleanup contamination from hazardous substances. The IR Program is the Navy's equivalent to the process used by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), commonly known as the "Superfund" program. Each step of the IR program is carefully coordinated with federal, state, and local agencies.

The Department of Defense (DoD), on September 9, 1993 issued guidance which deals with improving public involvement opportunities, including the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).

What is a RAB?

In the Spring of 1992, a Technical Review Committee (TRC) was formed for the IR Program for the Long Beach Naval Shipyard and the Naval Station Long Beach, referred to as the "Naval Complex". The TRC was comprised of Naval Complex representatives and environmental regulatory agency representatives. The purpose of this TRC was to review IR Program documents and comment on the cleanup activities. The Naval Complex now proposes to modify this TRC to form a RAB, which would include community members who reflect the diverse interests of the local community.

The RAB is an advisory body designed to act as a focal point for the exchange of information between the Long Beach Naval Complex and the local community. The RAB is intended to bring together community members, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the affected community and the Naval Complex. The RAB will work in partnership with the Naval Complex throughout the cleanup process.

RAB members will be asked to meet regularly and review and comment on technical documents and plans

relating to the ongoing environmental studies and cleanup activities at the Long Beach Naval Complex. Members will be expected to serve as a liaison with the community members and groups. Members will be expected to serve either a one-year, two-year or three-year term.

All RAB meetings will be open to the public. Technical support staff will be available to provide informational support and explanation to RAB members.

How do I Become a RAB Member?

Community members interested in finding out more about the RAB are invited and encouraged to attend the next community meeting regarding the RAB scheduled for *March 15, 1994 at 7:00 P.M.* At the meeting you will learn more about the purpose of the RAB, membership opportunities and member expectations, and hear an update on the status of base clean-up activities and future plans. The RAB meeting will be held at:

Naval Station Long Beach
Officer's Club, Building 24

If you have any questions about the RAB or are interested in applying for RAB membership, applications can be obtained by contacting:

John Ryan, Public Affairs Officer, Naval Shipyard
(310) 547-7798

or

LT Karl Johnson, Public Affairs Officer, Naval Station
(310) 831-8729

All membership applications must be received by March 25, 1994. Applications will be reviewed and RAB members will be selected by representatives of the Long Beach Naval Complex, California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), U.S. EPA and a member of the local community.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Long Beach Naval Complex Formation of Restoration Advisory Board Membership Solicitation

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The Department of Defense, on September 9, 1993, issued guidance which deals with improving public involvement opportunities in the base cleanup program, including the establishment of a RAB. RAB members will have an opportunity to provide input on activities that will accelerate the cleanup effort.

RAB members will be asked to review and comment on technical documents relating to the ongoing environmental studies and cleanup activities at the Long Beach Naval Complex. RAB members will have the opportunity to provide input on activities that will accelerate the cleanup for economic reuse. Members will also be expected to serve as a liaison between the community and the RAB and be available to meet with community members. RAB meetings will be open to the public.

The next community meeting regarding the RAB, and an update on cleanup activities taken at Naval Complex, is scheduled for March 15, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. at the Naval Station, Long Beach, Officer's Club, Building 24.

If you are interested in becoming a RAB member, applications can be obtained by contacting either of the following representatives. Completed applications should be returned to "X" by March 25, 1994.

John Ryan, Public Affairs Officer, Naval Shipyard
(310) 547-7798

or

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(310) 831-8729

Members will be expected to serve a one-year, two-year or three-year term and attend RAB meetings regularly. Applications will be reviewed and RAB members will be selected by representatives from the Long Beach Naval Complex, California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and a member of the local community.

3. The community co-chairperson will be elected by members of the RAB. Please indicate if you are interested in being considered for the community co-chairperson position on the RAB by checking the box below:

Yes, I would like to be considered.

No, not at this time.

4. Are you willing to serve a one-year, two-year or three-year term as a member of this RAB?

Yes, I am willing to serve for 1 year.

Yes, I am willing to serve for 2 years.

Yes, I am willing to serve for 3 years.

5. By submitting this signed application, you are aware of the time commitment which this appointment will require of you.

6. By submitting this signed application, you willingly agree to work cooperatively with other RAB members to ensure the efficient and effective use of RAB resources in contributing to the cleanup process.

Date: _____

Applicant Signature

Mail or FAX the completed application to:

"X"