



Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek

Installation Restoration Program Restoration Advisory Board Fact Sheet

Introduction

This fact sheet was developed to announce the formation of Naval Amphibious Base (NAB) Little Creek's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) which will facilitate and improve community participation in the Installation Restoration (IR) Program. The IR Program is an environmental investigation and cleanup program being conducted at military installations that addresses potential contamination from past spills and waste disposal practices. A key element of the IR Program is continuous public involvement. The NAB Little Creek Technical Review Committee (TRC), the group designated to review environmental cleanup plans and actions, has been expanded to include additional persons who reflect the diverse interests of our local community. The RAB will provide input into the Navy's environmental restoration program at NAB Little Creek.

What is a RAB?

The RAB is a group established to allow individuals to provide comments to NAB Little Creek on its IR Program and to act as a focal point for the exchange of information between NAB Little Creek and the local community. The RAB will bring together community members, regulators and Navy personnel, enabling the early and two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the community and NAB Little Creek.

The RAB will work in partnership with NAB Little Creek on cleanup issues and related matters. RAB Members are expected to meet with community members and groups to relay information about the cleanup programs and report public comments back to the RAB. The RAB will not make decisions on environmental restoration activities, but will provide information, suggestions, and community input to the decision making process. RABs will not take the place of community outreach and participation activities required by law, regulation or policy. NAB Little Creek will continue to conduct a proactive community relations program.

How Was the RAB Established?

- ❖ The existing TRC members were automatically included in the RAB.
- ❖ RAB fact sheets and applications were sent to numerous local civic organizations, base employees and residents, environmental organizations, and local city officials.
- ❖ The RAB was advertised in the Virginian-Pilot and Ledger Star.
- ❖ RAB information was placed in four public information repositories.
- ❖ A public meeting was announced and held to discuss the RAB.
- ❖ Individuals who desired to participate on the RAB were designated as RAB members.

Responsibilities of a RAB

The responsibilities of the RAB are to:

- ❖ conduct regular meetings, open to the public, at convenient times and locations;
- ❖ keep meeting minutes, and make them available to interested parties and individuals;

RAB Responsibilities continued

- ❖ develop and use a mailing list of names and addresses of interested parties who wish to receive information on the cleanup program;
- ❖ provide a forum for individual members to give advice and make recommendations on environmental restoration issues to the Navy. RABs will not vote on issues or make recommendations as a body;
- ❖ establish a procedure for public participation and respond to questions and comments from the public at RAB meetings.

RAB Members

The following is a current list of the NAB Little Creek RAB members:

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