

## NAVAL AIR STATION OCEANA



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*This is the first publication of Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana Environmental Notes. Environmental Notes is a newsletter that will communicate the plans and accomplishments of the NAS Oceana Installation Restoration (IR) Program and the proceedings of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).*

## IR Program

The IR Program is a Department of the Navy initiative to identify, study, and clean up, if necessary, former waste disposal sites. The program has been ongoing at NAS Oceana since the 1980s.

## What is a RAB?

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is a group of community members, State and Federal environmental officials, civic and special interest groups, and U.S. Navy personnel. This group will review and discuss progress of the IR Program at NAS Oceana. The RAB will also provide the Navy with community ideas and opinions regarding studies and cleanup options at the various IR Program sites.

Members will be given documents for review prior to all RAB meetings. Information exchange between the members, their neighbors, colleagues, and civic group members is encouraged. RAB meetings will be held in the evenings or on weekends and are open to the public. The location, date, and time of the meetings will be published in the local newspaper.

## How Was the RAB Formed?

The RAB was formerly organized as the Technical Review Committee (TRC) which consisted primarily of Navy representatives, and federal and state regulators. The Navy wanted to encourage additional community input to the IR Program, thus the nature of the group changed to include more emphasis on public involvement.

Advertisements were placed in the *Virginian-Pilot and Ledger Star* newspaper and with civic groups to solicit RAB membership applications. Members serve one-year terms and must attend meetings or send an alternate in their place.

**Who are the RAB Members?**

To encourage community involvement, the RAB has one Navy and one community member who serve as Co-Chairpersons. These two individuals work together to set the meeting agenda and distribute information. The community members elected Mr. Robert Spadaccini, Vice-President of Green Run Homeowners Association, Co-Chairperson to work with Mr. Will Bullard, NAS Oceana Co-Chairperson. The other community members are listed below:

- ❖ Adams, Fred - Sierra Club
- ❖ Hellman, Wade - Lillian Vernon (Industry Rep.)
- ❖ Hertz, James - TRC Member
- ❖ Macenka, Robert - Environmental Green Breakfast of Hampton Roads
- ❖ Opdyke, Kathleen - Lake Placid Civic League
- ❖ Small, Dorothy - Solutions Laboratories, Inc. (Industry Rep.)
- ❖ Traub, Charles - Back Bay Restoration Foundation
- ❖ Vargo, Walter - TRC Member

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**Interested in Learning More?**

If you are interested in learning about the RAB or participating in the meetings, please contact:

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## **Information Repositories**

Site information is located in information repositories at the following local libraries:

- ❖ Virginia Beach Central Library -  
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
804/431-3071
  
- ❖ NAS Oceana Library -  
Building 416  
Naval Air Station Oceana  
Virginia Beach, VA 23460  
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## **Administrative Record**

In addition, the NAS Oceana Administrative Record may also be reviewed. The Administrative Record is the legal file of information which documents IR Program investigations, cleanups in progress and those completed at NAS Oceana. The Administrative Record is available to the public at the libraries listed above.

## **Future RAB Meetings**

The first NAS Oceana RAB meeting is scheduled for:

- ❖ January 12, 1995 at 7:00 PM  
Radisson Hotel  
Pavilion Drive, Virginia Beach

Topics to be discussed at the meeting include:

- ❖ Corrective Measures Study (CMS) for Sites 1, 2B, and 2C
- ❖ CMS for Petroleum Contaminated Sites



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