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Dear Mr. Thompson:

Naval Weapons Station Yorktown has scheduled a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting on March 16, 1995 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the Human Services/Recreation Building, 301 Goodwin Neck Road, York County, Virginia. The primary purposes of this meeting are to brief all of our community members on the functions of a RAB and to allow community members to elect a Community Co-Chair.

A copy of Department of Defense/Environmental Protection Agency "Restoration Advisory Board Implementation Guidelines" is included for information and as guidance for electing a Community Co-Chair. Also, a draft copy of a "Restoration Advisory Board Mission Statement and Procedures" has been provided. This copy is merely a proposal intended to initiate and focus discussion leading to a final mission statement to be developed in partnership with the advisory board membership.

We look forward to seeing you and developing a productive Restoration Advisory Board. If you have any questions or would like more information about the RAB, please contact Naval Weapons Station Yorktown Public Affairs Officer:

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Sincerely,

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Encl:

- (1) "Restoration Advisory Board Implementation Guidelines"
- (2) "Restoration Advisory Board Mission Statement and Procedures"



**THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY**



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SUBJECT: Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Implementation Guidelines

The Department of Defense (DoD) is taking steps to increase public participation in its cleanup program. New DoD policy, which resulted from DoD's participation in the Federal Facilities Environmental Restoration Dialogue Committee, calls for Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs) to be formed at all closing installations and at non-closing installations where the local community expresses interest.

RABs are an expansion of DoD's Technical Review Committee (TRC) concept. The boards are a forum for exchange of information and partnership among citizens, the installation, EPA, and State. Most importantly, they offer an opportunity for communities to provide input to the cleanup process. It is our view that RABs will improve DoD's cleanup program by increasing community understanding and support for cleanup efforts, improving the soundness of government decisions, and ensuring cleanups are responsive to community needs.

The attached document entitled "Restoration Advisory Board Implementation Guidelines" provides recommended procedures for establishing and operating RABs. It is intended to be a resource for installation, EPA, and State personnel and citizens who participate in RABs. The guidelines were developed by a joint DoD/EPA working group which is a model for interagency cooperation.

The agency points of contact on RABs are, for DoD, Ms. Marcia Read, 703-697-9793; for EPA, Ms. Marilyn Null 202-260-5686.

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ENCLOSURE (1)



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**Restoration Advisory Board
Implementation Guidelines**

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These guidelines are based on the "Interim Guidance for Implementing Restoration Advisory Boards", November 1993, drafted by California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control.

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES**

I. BACKGROUND

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) recognize the importance of public involvement at military installations that require environmental restoration. Therefore, EPA and DoD have developed joint Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) guidelines. DoD policies on community involvement can be found in the *"Management Guidance for Execution of the FY94/95 and Development of the FY96 Defense Environmental Restoration Program,"* April 14, 1994.

RABs bring together people who reflect the diverse interests within the local community, enabling the early and continued flow of information between the affected community, DoD and environmental oversight agencies. DoD is creating RABs to ensure that all stakeholders have a voice and can actively participate in a timely and thorough manner in the review of restoration documents. RAB community members will provide advice as individuals to the decision-makers on restoration issues. It is a forum to be used for the expression and careful consideration of diverse points of view. The RAB complements other community involvement efforts, but does not replace them. The DoD installation will continue to be responsible for fulfilling all statutorily mandated public involvement requirements.

This document provides guidelines to assist DoD installations on how to develop and implement a RAB and the role of environmental oversight agencies in this process. It is intended to be flexible so the DoD installation can adapt the RAB to meet the individual needs of the community.

The guidelines are based on recommendations contained in the February 1993, "Interim Report of the Federal Facilities Environmental Restoration Dialogue Committee." While not identical, they are generally consistent with the Committee's recommendations.

Although these guidelines are intended to apply at all military installations, EPA's involvement on a RAB will vary based on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) National Priorities List (NPL) status of the installation. EPA is committed to full involvement on RABs as the Federal regulatory agency for all DoD installations on the NPL or at base closure sites where EPA has received resources from DoD. EPA's involvement will be at the discretion of EPA's regional office for non-NPL, non-base closure or base closure installations where EPA has not been given resources from DoD.

information repositories established by the installation and widely accessible to the community. If a significant segment of the community is non-English speaking or visually impaired, the fact sheet should be translated. A sample RAB fact sheet is included as Enclosure 1.

Public Notice

A paid public notice should be issued to advertise the initial RAB information meeting in at least one newspaper of general circulation serving the affected communities around the installation, as well as in the installation newspaper. The public notice should be published in advance of the meeting and include the following information:

- time and location of the meeting
- notice of the intent to establish a RAB or transition the TRC to become a RAB, if applicable
- RAB purpose
- membership opportunities
- meeting is open for public attendance and participation
- name and phone number of contact person(s) for more information
- topics for consideration at the initial RAB information meeting

The public notice should be placed in a prominent section of the newspaper likely to be read by the majority of community members. A sample public notice is included as Enclosure 2.

Agenda

An agenda for the meeting should be developed by the DoD installation in consultation with the state and EPA, as appropriate. The agenda should reflect community restoration concerns as identified by existing community involvement activities (i.e., interview with key community leaders, review of correspondence, review of media coverage, etc.).

Press Release

The DoD installation's public affairs office should prepare and distribute a press release to explain the purpose of the RAB and the time and location of the meeting. Depending on local media coverage of installation environmental issues, it may be appropriate to prepare a more extensive media packet of information to update the local media regarding installation restoration issues and activities.

Initial RAB Information Meeting

The initial RAB information meeting should be sponsored by the DoD installation as

who attended the meeting, existing TRC members and/or to people identified on the installation's community relations mailing list.

Converting a TRC to a RAB

If an installation already has a functioning TRC, it should be converted into a RAB instead of establishing a separate committee. Some of the tasks that need to be done to accomplish the conversion are: adding a community co-chair; increasing community representation; and making all meetings open to the public. The ultimate goal of the RAB is to improve communications among stakeholders and solicit input to be used in the decision process.

As a part of the initial member selection process, the DoD installation, with input from the EPA, as appropriate, and the state, should evaluate diversity of the current membership of the TRC. DoD membership should consist of 1 to 2 members. As a general rule, TRC members should be given preference for a seat on the RAB to preserve continuity and the "institutional history" of the restoration process. This should be balanced against the preeminent need to form a RAB truly representative of the community's diverse interests.

Formulating the RAB

Ensuring Membership Diversity and Balance

RAB members should be identified by a selection panel, see "Selecting Community Members." The RAB should be comprised of members from the local community and representatives from DoD, the state, and EPA, as appropriate. Community members selected for RAB membership should reflect the diverse interests within the local community. RAB members should live/work in the affected community or be impacted by the restoration program. The following list of potential interests should be considered for representation on the RAB. This list is illustrative and not all inclusive. Each RAB should be developed to reflect the unique mix of interests and concerns within the local community.

- local residents/community members (including minorities and low income)
- local reuse committees
- Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) recipient
- current TRC members
- local government officials/agencies
- business community
- school districts
- installation employees/residents
- local environmental groups/activists
- civic/public interest organizations
- religious community
- other regulatory agencies

implementation of a fully functioning RAB will likely be a busy, challenging period. Although the length of time required to complete the transition to a RAB will vary from installation to installation, most RABs should set a goal to be in full operation within six months from the meeting to initiate RAB formulation. During this period of time the following key activities should be completed to ensure successful development and implementation of the RAB.

Selecting Community Members:

Selection Panel. The installation Commanding Officer (CO) in consultation with the state and EPA, as appropriate, should identify community interests and solicit names of individuals who can represent these interests on the selection panel. Once the selection panel nominees have been provided, the CO in consultation with the state and EPA, as appropriate, should review the selection panel nominations to ensure balance and diversity. If nominations represent the diversity of the community, they will become the selection panel. The panel should establish and announce the following items:

- procedures for nominating community RAB members
- process for reviewing community interest forms
- criteria for selecting community RAB members
- list of RAB nominees

Final Selection: RAB membership selection should be in an open and fair manner using the panel. The panel will evaluate interest forms and develop a nomination list for the CO. The CO, in consultation with the state and EPA, as appropriate, should review the list to ensure that nominees represent the diversity of the community. If the list lacks diversity, the CO will ask the selection panel to provide a revised list. A lack of diversity or balance is the only reason a list can be rejected.

The selection panel may want to contact those who expressed interest but not selected for RAB membership to thank them for their interest and willingness to participate in the RAB. A letter to them should explain selection criteria, why they were not chosen and should encourage them to attend and participate at the RAB meetings as members of the general public. Their interest forms should be kept on file for consideration when future membership openings occur.

Additions to and removals from the RAB can be made at any time the RAB deems necessary. Procedures for additions and resignations should be outlined in the operating procedures.

NOTE: DOD contractor personnel should not be RAB members. However, for community RAB members who have business interests, membership on the RAB should not limit ability to compete for contracts. All information provided the RAB members should also be made available to the general public. Appropriate assurances should be made to

Developing a RAB Mission Statement

Each RAB should develop a mission statement that articulates the overall purpose of the RAB. The statement can be brief. For example, "The RAB mission should be to establish and maintain a forum with all stakeholders for the exchange of information in an open and interactive dialogue concerning the installation's restoration program."

Developing RAB Operating Procedures

The RAB should develop a set of operating procedures. The operating procedures should include policies on attendance, meeting frequency, procedures for removing, replacing co-chairs and replacing/adding other members, membership and co-chair length of service, methods for resolving member disputes, process for reviewing and responding to public comments, and procedures for public participation.

Training for RAB Community Members

Once selected, RAB members may need some initial orientation to enable them to perform their duties. The DoD installation should work with the state, EPA and environmental groups to develop methods to quickly inform and educate the RAB members to promote the rapid formation of a fully functioning RAB. This may be accomplished at initial RAB meetings or at special orientation sessions and may include the following:

- formal training sessions
- workshops
- informal briefings
- briefing booklets, past fact sheets, maps
- site tours

Technical support staff from state, federal, and local agencies that have involvement with restoration and reuse issues may be asked to attend RAB meetings to provide information in their areas of expertise and will be available to provide information and explanation to RAB members.

Providing Administrative Support to the RAB

The DoD installation needs to ensure that adequate administrative support is made available to establish and operate the RAB. It is especially important to provide for ongoing administrative support for closing or closed installations. Administrative support will usually include the following:

- meeting facilities
- preparation of meeting minutes and other routine word processing tasks
- copying/printing of RAB documents, notices, fact sheets

meeting attendance. Representatives from the DoD, environmental regulatory agencies, and the community should attend all RAB meetings. This will aid in the operation of the RAB as a team.

If after selection, a RAB member is unable to fully participate, the RAB, using pre-established rules, should ask the member to submit his/her resignation in writing to either of the RAB co-chairpersons. Procedures for replacing/adding members should be decided by the RAB.

Conducting the Meeting

Each meeting should have a purpose and an agenda. Because these meetings are open to the public, a translator should be provided where a large portion of the community is non-English speaking or hearing impaired. If the RAB deems that an outside facilitator is necessary, arrangements should be made accordingly.

Nature of Discussions

DOD will consider all advice provided by the RAB whether consensus in nature or provided on an individual basis, including advice given that represents the minority view of members. However, because DOD does not intend for Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements to apply to RABs, consensus is not a prerequisite for RAB recommendations. Each individual should provide advice as an individual, not as a group. At the same time, while consensus is not required or asked of the board members, in the natural course of discussions consensus may evolve.

Format

The meeting format of the RAB will vary. The format will be dictated by the needs of the RAB. Generally, a basic format should include:

- review of "old" business
- presentation or update by project technical staff and RAB member discussions
- question/answer/input/discussion period for non-RAB community participants
- list of action items for the RAB members
- discussion of the next meeting's agenda

Meeting Minutes

The RAB should prepare meeting minutes summarizing the topics discussed at RAB meetings. The minutes should be concise summaries of RAB meetings rather than verbatim transcripts to facilitate effective communication with the local communities. Before copies of the meeting minutes are distributed to existing members of the RAB and made available for public review, the co-chairs should review and approve them. These minutes should be

Addressing Non-restoration Issues

Because RABs provides a direct channel for communication to the installation, community members may raise some non-restoration issues during RAB discussions. Although these issues may not be appropriate for discussion within the context of the RAB, DOD should be responsive to these concerns by referring them to the appropriate offices at the installation or to alternative forums more appropriate for the issue (i.e., at closing installations, non-restoration issues should be referred to the local Reuse Committee, the Base Transition Coordinator, or the BRAC Cleanup Team).

IV. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Department of Defense Installation Co-Chair

1. The DoD installation co-chair should coordinate with the community co-chair to prepare and distribute an agenda prior to each RAB meeting. If the RAB will address restoration related to base closure activities, the DoD and community co-chair should coordinate with the BRAC Cleanup Team, the Base Transition Coordinator, and the reuse committee.
2. The DoD installation co-chair should ensure that DoD participates in an open and constructive manner.
3. The DoD installation co-chair should attend all meetings and ensure that the RAB has the opportunity to participate in the restoration decision process.
4. The DoD installation co-chair should ensure that community issues and concerns related to restoration are addressed when raised.
5. The DoD installation co-chair should ensure documents distributed to the RAB are also made available to the general public.
6. The DoD installation co-chair with assistance from the RAB should ensure that an accurate list of interested/affected parties is developed and maintained.
7. The DoD installation co-chair should provide relevant policies and guidance documents to the RAB in order to enhance the RAB's operation.
8. The DoD installation co-chair should ensure that adequate administrative support to the RAB is provided.
9. The DoD installation co-chair should refer issues not related to restoration to appropriate installation official for them to address.

2. The state member should serve as an information, referral and resource bank for communities, installations and agencies regarding installation restoration.
3. The state member should review documents and other materials related to restoration.
4. The state member should ensure that state environmental standards and regulations are identified and addressed by the DoD installation.
5. The state member should facilitate flexible and innovative resolutions of environmental issues and concerns.
6. The state member should assist in education and training for the RAB members.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Member

1. The EPA member should attend RAB meetings.
2. The EPA member should serve as an information, referral and resource bank for communities, installations and agencies regarding installation restoration.
3. The EPA member should facilitate flexible and innovative resolutions of environmental issues and concerns.
4. The EPA member should ensure that federal environmental standards and regulations are identified and addressed by the DoD installation.
5. The EPA member should assist in education and training for the RAB members.

BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) at Closing Installations

1. The BCT should maintain a close working relationship with other members of the RAB.
2. The BCT should provide timely and accurate information to the RAB.



ENCLOSURES

Enclosure (1) Sample RAB Fact Sheet**RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)**

(name and location of installation)

(add site-specific logo if available)

Background

At *(name of installation)* the *(name of service)* will be pursuing installation restoration activities as part of the Department of Defense's Installation Restoration Program (IRP). *(Provide a brief description of the restoration activities projected at the installation.)*

What is a RAB?

The RAB is an advisory body designed to act as a focal point for the exchange of information between *(name of installation)* and the local community regarding restoration activities. The RAB is intended to bring together community members who reflect the diverse interests within the local community, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the affected community and the installation.

RAB members will be asked to meet regularly and review and comment on technical documents and plans relating to the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities at *(name of installation)*. Members will be expected to serve as a liaison with the community and be available to meet with community members and groups. Membership terms will be decided by the RAB. 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 to Become a RAB Member

Community members interested in finding out more about the RAB are invited and encouraged to attend a community meeting that *(name of installation)* will conduct on *(date and time)*. At the meeting, you will learn about the purpose of the RAB, membership opportunities and responsibilities, and hear an update on the status of installation restoration activities and future plans. RAB membership applications will be available at the community meeting. The community meeting will be held at the following address:

(List location, address, date, and time of meeting)

If you have questions about the RAB or are interested in applying for RAB membership, community interest forms may also be obtained by contacting:

(List name, title, address, and telephone number of contact)

All Community Interest Forms must be received by *(deadline for forms)*. Forms will be reviewed and approved by the selection panel. The selection panel is organized by the Commanding Officer of *(name of installation)*. The selection panel members are representatives from the DoD installation, state, community and EPA, as appropriate.

Enclosure (2) Sample RAB Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
(name of installation)
Formation of Restoration Advisory Board
Membership Solicitation

The Department of Defense recognizes the importance of stakeholder participation for Installation Restoration Programs (IRP). Therefore, *(name of installation)* is announcing the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The RAB is intended to improve public participation by involving the community in the restoration decision-making process.

The existing Technical Review Committee (TRC) will be modified to become a RAB. The RAB will include community members who reflect the diverse interests of the local community. RAB members will be asked to review and comment on plans and activities relating to the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities at *(name of installation)*. RAB members will have the opportunity to provide input on activities that will accelerate the restoration. Members will also be expected to serve as a voluntary liaison between the community and the RAB and be available to meet with community members and/or groups. RAB meetings will be open to the public.

Community interest forms can be obtained by contacting:

(List name, title, address, and telephone number of contact(s))

Members will be expected to serve a one- to two-year term and attend RAB meetings regularly. Forms will be reviewed and approved by the selection panel. The selection panel members will be representatives from the *(name of installation)*, *(name of state environmental agency)*, the community, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as appropriate. To qualify, interested parties must be local residents of *(name of cities or counties)* that are impacted/affected by *(name of installation)*.

The initial RAB information meeting will be held:

(list location, date, and time of meeting)

For additional information, please contact *(name, address, and telephone number of contact)*.

Enclosure (3) Sample RAB Recruiting Letter
(Issued by Selection Panel)

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD FORMATION

Dear *(name of community member)*:

The Department of Defense recognizes the importance of stakeholder participation in our Installation Restoration Programs (IRP). Therefore, *(name of installation)* is announcing the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The RAB is intended to improve public participation by involving the community in the restoration decision-making process.

The RAB will include community volunteer members who reflect the diverse interests of the local community. RAB members will have an opportunity to provide input on installation restoration activities. RAB community members can expect to spend *(number of hours/days)* per year supporting the RAB.

RAB members will be asked to meet regularly and review and comment on plans and activities relating to the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities at *(name of installation)*. RAB members will be expected to serve as a liaison with the community and be available to meet with community members and groups. Members will be expected to serve a term. All RAB meetings will be open to the public.

If you are interested in participating on the RAB for *(name of installation)*, please complete the enclosed Community Interest Form and return it to the following address not later than *(deadline for applications)*:

(List name, address, and telephone number of contact)

Forms will be reviewed by a panel comprised of representatives from the community. The panel will nominate a list of community members for the RAB to the *(name of installation)* and appropriate regulatory agencies.

Sincerely,

(name of selection panel member)

Enclosure

Enclosure (4) Sample RAB Community Interest Form

COMMUNITY INTEREST FORM FOR
(NAME OF INSTALLATION) RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

Conditions for Membership:

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members are volunteering to serve a term and attend all RAB meetings. Duties and responsibilities will include reviewing and commenting on plans and activities associated with the Installation Restoration Program at *(name of installation)*. Technical experts will be made available to the RAB. Members will be expected to be available to community members and groups to facilitate the exchange of information and/or concerns between the community and the RAB. RAB community members can expect to devote approximately *(number of hours/days)* per year to support the RAB.

Priority for RAB membership will be given to local residents that are impacted/affected by the *(name of installation)*.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street Apt.# City State Zip

Phone: () _____ () _____ () _____
Daytime Home Fax

1. (OPTIONAL) Are you affiliated with any group related to restoration or base closure activities? If yes, list the group and your position, if applicable.

2. Briefly state why you would like to participate on the RAB.

3. What has been your experience working as a member of a diverse group with common goals?

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)
PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT AND PROCEDURES

Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Naval Weapons Station (WPNSTA) Yorktown's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) to:

- ★ Act as a forum for the discussion and exchange of information regarding cleanup among the WPNSTA Yorktown, Federal, State and local regulatory agencies; and the local community;
- ★ Provide an opportunity for interested community members to participate in the cleanup process and provide input to decision makers;
- ★ Review and evaluate documents provided by the WPNSTA Yorktown and its contractors regarding cleanups;
- ★ Provide advice to Commanding Officer, WPNSTA Yorktown on:
 - Identifying environmental restoration activities and projects at the WPNSTA Yorktown;
 - Monitoring progress on these activities;
 - Collecting information regarding restoration priorities at the WPNSTA Yorktown;
 - Addressing land use, level of restoration, acceptable risk, and waste management and technology development issues related to environmental restoration at WPNSTA Yorktown; and
 - Developing environmental restoration strategies for the WPNSTA Yorktown.
- ★ Conduct regular meetings, open to the public, at convenient times and locations.

Membership Policies:

- ★ Members will include but not be limited to Commanding Officer, WPNSTA Yorktown, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic Division (LANTDIV), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ), National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Interior (DOI), U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), and community representatives from York and James City counties and the cities of Newport News and Williamsburg.
- ★ Each community member will serve on the RAB for a two year term.

ENCLOSURE (2)

- ★ Membership responsibilities include:
 - Communicating with local community members and interested groups concerned with issues specific to WPNSTA Yorktown.
 - Commenting on documents available for review.
 - Attending all RAB meetings or send an alternative.
 - Residing in the vicinity of the installation.
- ★ If unable to continue to fully participate, members must submit their resignation in writing to either of the RAB co-chairs (if the member is representing a group or organization, that group or organization may nominate a new member).
- ★ RAB members may be subject to termination from the board if they miss two or more consecutive meetings without sending a substitute.
- ★ A mailing list of persons interested in becoming RAB members will be kept by WPNSTA Yorktown.
- ★ When a replacement member is needed, an application will be sent to all interested parties on the mailing list. The RAB members will select a new member from the applications that are received.
- ★ The Navy co-chair will provide one-on-one training for the new member(s).

Operating Procedures for RAB meetings:

- ★ The Commanding Officer of WPNSTA Yorktown will select a Navy co-chair and the community members will select the Community co-chair. As of September 1994, the Navy co-chair is Captain S. W. Delaplane (887-4141) and the Community co-chair is "BLANK" ().
- ★ Meetings will be held quarterly or more often if the co-chairs deem it necessary.
- ★ The agenda will be prepared by the Navy and the Community Co-chair.
- ★ Notice of all meetings and a copy of the agenda will be mailed to RAB members 10 days prior to the meeting by WPNSTA Yorktown.
- ★ Documents that need to be reviewed by RAB members will be mailed 10 days prior to the RAB meeting. At the meeting, members will discuss any comments or questions pertaining to each document. If during the review process any RAB member has a question concerning the document for review, they are encouraged to call the Navy or Community co-chair for an explanation.
- ★ Dates, times and locations of meetings will be published in the *Daily Press* the Sunday prior to the meeting.



- ★ Meetings will be conducted by both the Navy co-chair and the Community co-chair who will coordinate developing and distributing meeting agenda two-weeks in advance of scheduled meetings. "Read ahead" materials will be provided in advance to facilitate understanding of issues and maximizing meeting effectiveness. All RAB business will be discussed before the floor is open to questions from the public.
- ★ Presentations will be followed by a 5-10 minute question/comment period for the RAB members.
- ★ After the RAB's regular meeting is complete, questions will be taken from the general public.
- ★ Minutes of the RAB meeting will be transcribed and sent to all parties on the mailing list as well as placed in the information repositories.