

**Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Naval Air Station Pensacola**

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**Minutes
RAB Orientation Session
Pensacola Junior College, Warrington Campus
Tuesday, June 13, 1995**

Attending Members:

John Early
Chuck King
Bill Hill
Allison Humphris
Lisa Minshev

Lieutenant Commander Joe Monachino
Mary Radford
Jesse Rigby
Jerry Westmoreland

Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Joe Monachino opened this orientation session of the Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). He welcomed everyone before describing his position as one of two co-chairs the board would have. He is the Navy's co-chair. A community co-chair will be elected by the w ' s community members.

LCDR Monachino discussed the purpose and goals behind this board's existence and stressed that making the Installation Restoration Program (the environmental program that is the focus of this board) more responsive is a group effort. He also noted that everyone had been provided a workbook containing background information on the Installation Restoration Program, RAB operation, and general information for members.

He introduced himself before asking for introductions from all the members at the table. **Also** introduced during the group introductions were Michele Harrison of the Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Public Affairs Office and Ron Joyner, from the NAS Pensacola Environmental Department. Mr. Joyner is the Project Manager of the base's Installation Restoration Program.

LCDR Monachino turned the meeting over to Mrs. Harrison who summarized RAB operating procedures.

Mrs. Harrison discussed the individual and group responsibilities of RAB members, along with some of the primary responsibilities expected of a community co-chair. Mrs. Harrison also said the RAB has eight community members and four "alternates." Alternates will receive all RAB materials, including review copies of technical documents. They have been chosen in case a member resigns.

She clarified that the RAB is not a voting or consensus body. It is a forum for members to express concerns and ideas either as individuals or representatives of groups. She made clear that all RAB meetings are open to the public, and residents also will have the opportunity to speak and express concerns. Mrs. Harrison briefly discussed other methods of board operation, all of which must be determined by the board itself. These methods include the use of subcommittees (for membership, community relations, or other issues).

LCDR Monachino then introduced Captain Tim Thomson, commanding officer of **NAS** Pensacola. Capt. Thomson expressed his support for the board and thanked all the members for their commitment. He said that **NAS** Pensacola is committed to the environment and the community, and he hoped this board would help realize that commitment.

LCDR Monachino then had Mr. Joyner provide a general background **of** the environmental program at the base.

Mr. Joyner gave an overview **of** the Installation Restoration Program and the background for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 1989 action to place the base on the Superfund list of priority environmental sites. He then turned to a map of the base with **37 identified** sites. Although the sites are numbered through **42**, five of them have been transferred to the State **of** Florida's Underground Storage Tank Program. They were switched, he said, because these five sites suffered solely from petroleum-related contamination and, therefore, were more applicable to the state's program.

In the discussion that followed these presentations, several points were made.

- The workbook would benefit from a glossary and list of acronyms.
- The group would like to review existing RAB charters before writing a new one.
- The Navy needs to do a better job of associating itself with positive environmental stories, rather than being continually associated with negative environmental press.
- Documents requiring review by RAB members should be sent with ample lead time.
- Members would benefit from a tour of the facility and sites.

The group agreed on its first publicized meeting and agenda. It was determined that the group would meet early to take care of internal administrative items (such as charters and co-chairs) before getting into the "meat" of the program.

The next meeting of the **NAS** Pensacola RAB is scheduled for Tuesday, July **25**, 1995, at the T. Felton Harrison Building, Pensacola Junior College — Warrington Campus. Mrs. Harrison is to notify all members should the meeting location change. The RAB will convene at 5:30 p.m. to discuss internal administrative items. Topics of more general community interest will begin at 7 p.m. Both sections will be open to the public, although **only** the latter section will be publicized. Topics for this combined meeting will include:

- a charter for the RAB,
- selecting a community co-chair,
- an update on the Site **39** Proposed Plan, and
- discussing upcoming plans for the Installation Restoration Program.

Note: Copies of the overheads used or intended for use during this meeting are included in the RAB workbook.