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From: Chief of Naval Operations
Subj: INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM - COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Ref: (a) CNO ltr 5090 Ser 453C/4U596021 of 9 Feb 94
Encl: (1) Interim Report of the FFER Dialogue Committee,
Feb 1993 (The Keystone Dialogue Interim Report)
(2) Community Relations in Superfund: A Handbook, EPA
Jan 1992

1. The purpose of this letter is to stress the importance and value of informing and obtaining input from all potential participants in the ongoing cleanup process at Navy installations. The importance the Navy places on meaningful community involvement cannot be overstated. To strengthen this involvement, Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs) are being implemented at bases with cleanup programs per reference (a).

2. To assist you in understanding the need for continued community relations and increased public involvement in the cleanup process, enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded for your information. Enclosure (1) was the driving factor for broadening community involvement in the cleanup process at Navy installations. A principal recommendation in the report is the establishment of Site Specific Advisory Boards (SSABs). Rather than creating an additional committee as recommended in the Keystone Dialogue Interim Report, the Department of Defense has decided that increasing the scope of the Technical Review Committees (TRCs) is a more effective method for accomplishing the goals outlined in the report. In order to acknowledge the increased scope of TRCs, they will be called Restoration Advisory Boards.

3. A strong community relations program, in conjunction with RABs, should allow the stakeholders to participate in determining the cleanups required at each installation. Enclosure (2) contains current EPA guidance on community relations. Installations must continue to meet these community relations requirements and the public must be given a greater opportunity to participate in cleanup programs. Their participation optimizes cleanup decisions, enhances working relationships, and

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strengthens the partnership between all affected stakeholders. The point of contact for this office is Ms. Patricia Ferrebee at (703) 602-3031.


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