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NAVAL STATION ROOSEVELT ROADS, CEIBA, PR
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)

MAY 5, 1995 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Place: Officer's Club, Naval Station Roosevelt Roads

Attendees: Navy League Puerto Rico Eastern Council Members

Agenda: Formal Presentation of RAB and IR Program

7:00 pm- The presentation began with a formal introduction of myself by Mr. Rafael Vega, Navy League President. Following this introduction Captain Wood, NAVSTA Commanding Officer addressed those present, explained how important was to be environmental conscious in all the Navy aspects, from supply ordering to fleet exercises. He exhorted them to work together to protect the environment at the Naval Station and everywhere.

I introduced the issue of installation restoration and why community participation was important to solve this issue. I presented the objectives of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), and why we wanted to have community participation to review reports and provide inputs to be considered when deciding on how to clean some areas. I discussed my previous presentations and meetings with Ceiba's community and the response that I got from them. I exhorted those present to become member of the RAB and explained the requisites for becoming a member.

I discussed what is the Installation Restoration (IR) Program, how the sites were identified, and what has the Navy done toward the restoration of those sites. I also explained how the Naval Station is regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and EPA/EQB involvement to ensure restoration is achieved.

After my presentation there were some remarks/questions from the public.

Q- How are you recruiting members?
A- I had held meetings at Ceiba's Community Center, announced the meetings in a local (spanish) newspaper, mailed letters to media, environmental groups and residents. We met after working hours in a place that is convenient to the surrounding community. I rely upon people's motivation to motivate other residents. I have invited the community to participate so they earned new experiences that could help to solve similar community problems.

Q- If the areas contaminated are not affecting directly the community, people will not have any interest on helping the Navy. How are you planning to motivate them to help the Navy?
A- The areas contaminated do not represent an immediate danger to the health or the environmental but some are contaminated to levels that could affect those working around them, and therefore need to be cleaned up.

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So far some people have shown interest but they do not want to compromise themselves to RAB. I will maintain the community informed through newsletters, fact sheets, and regular meetings. I expect to create conscience on how important is to work together for the environment.

I exhorted those present to complete an application and become RAB members. I distributed applications and Fact Sheets.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

RAB presentation to the Puerto Rico Navy League Eastern Council on May 5, 1995

Presenting Guest Speaker, Mrs. Madeline Rivera.
Seated - Captain S Wood, CO NAVSTA

Mr. Rafael Vega - President Navy League - Eastern Coun