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PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP
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Milton, Florida
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

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NAS Whiting Field is expanding and improving opportunities for public involvement in the base environmental cleanup program. The first step is the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). Residents who are representative of our local community will be selected to participate on this board. The RAB will create an opportunity for community members to provide input into and keep the public informed of the Navy's environmental activities at NAS Whiting Field.

What is a RAB?

A Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) provides a forum for the discussion and exchange of information among members of the community, the Navy, State, and Federal regulatory agencies. The RAB will work in partnership with NAS Whiting Field on environmental restoration issues.

NAS Whiting Field is currently looking for motivated individuals to join the RAB. Establishing this board will provide community members with the opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions about environmental issues at NAS Whiting Field, encouraging community participation in the restoration process. The RAB will not make decisions on environmental restoration activities, but will provide information, suggestions and community ideas to be used by NAS Whiting Field in making decisions related to cleanup activities.

How is the RAB established?

Interested individuals will complete a membership application. Applicants will be selected to the RAB by an impartial panel comprised of several local citizens and one Navy representative. The RAB will be headed by two co-chairs. Community members will elect a community co-chair and NAS Whiting Field will designate a Navy co-chair.

What are RAB membership requirements?

- ▶ **Term:** To be established by the RAB.
- ▶ **Availability to Community:** Members should be willing to communicate with local community members and interest groups. Members will serve as a direct and reliable link for information flow to and from the community.
- ▶ **Attendance:** Members are expected to attend all RAB meetings or send an alternate. If a member fails to attend or send an alternate to two consecutive meetings, the RAB co-chairs may ask the member to resign.
- ▶ **Residency:** Individual community members or organizations must reside in the vicinity of NAS Whiting Field.

**What are the
RAB members'
responsibilities?**

The RAB will have several responsibilities:

- ▶ Conduct regular meetings, open to the public.
- ▶ Make meeting minutes available to the public.
- ▶ Maintain and use a mailing list of people and groups wishing to receive information on the cleanup program.
- ▶ Provide a forum for members to make recommendations on environmental restoration issues at NAS Whiting Field. The RAB will not vote on issues or make recommendations as a body.
- ▶ Establish a procedure for public participation and for responding to questions and comments from the public at RAB meetings.

**How do I become
a RAB member?**

NAS Whiting Field is looking for volunteers to serve on the RAB. The air station will host a community meeting to discuss the purpose of the RAB, membership opportunities and responsibilities, and provide an update on installation environmental activities:

**Tuesday, April 25, 1995
at 6:30 p.m.**

An informal information session will begin at 4 p.m. RAB membership applications will be available at both the information session and community meeting. The meeting and information session will be held at:

**Pensacola Junior College, Milton Campus
Natural Resources Building 4900, Room 4902
5988 Highway 90 West, Milton**

**Who can I contact
for more
information?**

If you are unable to attend either the information session or the meeting, applications for the RAB can be obtained from Ensign Paula Dunn at the Public Affairs Office, NAS Whiting Field. If you have other questions about the RAB or the environmental program, also contact the Public Affairs Office.

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