United States Air Force 15th Air Base Wing Installation Restoration Program

Bellows Air Force Station

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Introduction

The 15th Air Base Wing (15 ABW) is currently conducting environmental cleanup projects at Bellows Air Force Station (AFS) through its Installation Restoration Program (IRP). In order to involve the public in the cleanup process, the Air Force is forming a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). This fact sheet will introduce community members to the RAB, and invite interested persons to submit an application to join.

What is a Restoration Advisory Board?

Restoration Advisory Boards, or "RABs," are committees formed at individual military installations to provide the community an opportunity to participate in the environmental cleanup conducted through the Installation Restoration Program. The Air Force is establishing a RAB in your community. The RAB will bring together community members who reflect the diverse interests of individuals, businesses, and organizations living and working on or near Bellows AFS. Community members who participate in the Bellows RAB will be asked to review various technical documents and related site information regarding the environmental cleanup at Bellows AFS. Community members who participate in the Bellows RAB will be asked to review and comment on environmental restoration documents and plans, recommend cleanup actions, and present the community's environmental concerns to the Air Force. The RAB provides the public the opportunity to be involved in the decision-making process.

A unique feature of the RAB is that there will be two co-chairs, one person who will represent the Air Force and one person who will be selected from community members

Where did RABs come from?

On July 2, 1993, President Clinton announced a major plan to speed the economic recovery of communities where military bases are slated to close. A significant element of the President's program is the establishment of a RAB at closing bases. Since then, the RAB concept has been expanded to include all military facilities. RABs are intended to

increase public participation by involving the community in the environmental decision making process including the Installation Restoration Program.

Why should I join the RAB?

Membership on the RAB gives you an opportunity to work with the environmental cleanup team at Bellow AFS. RAB members learn about the ongoing cleanup activities, share opinions, make recommendations, or suggestions on environmental cleanup issues that may affect your home, business, or community. Also, RAB members serve as a valuable source of information related to the environmental cleanup at Bellows AFS. They act as a conduit for environmental information to and from your community.

What are the RAB's responsibilities?

RAB responsibilities include the following:

- Attending regular meetings, which are open to the public
- Reviewing and commenting on documents related to the environmental cleanup
- Serving as a conduit for information between the Air Force Station and the community on environmental cleanup issues
- Providing input on cleanup activities and priorities

How do I become a RAB member?

Anyone interested in becoming a RAB member must submit an application to the Air Force. A selection committee, comprised of representatives from the federal and state regulatory agencies and the community, will review applications and nominate individuals who represent the diverse interests of the community. The 15th Air Base Wing Commander will work in consultation with the committee to make final selections for RAB membership. RABs generally have less than 20 members. Once members have been selected, the RAB members representing the community will select a RAB co-chair who will serve as a counterpart to the Air Force co-chair.

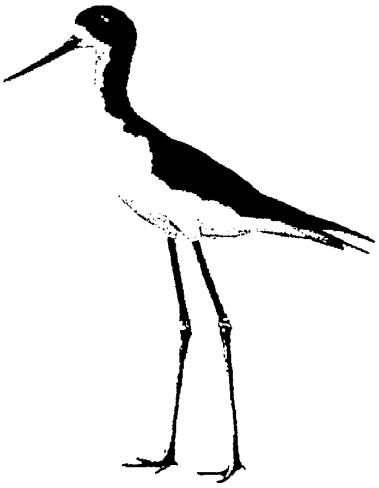
What is the Application Process?

Applications for the Bellows RAB should be submitted by August 30, 1996. An application for membership is included as part of this fact sheet (see page 3). Applicants should reside or work in the communities surrounding Bellows AFS. All applicants will be notified regarding their RAB application.

How Can I learn More about the RAB and the Environmental Cleanup Process?

The next RAB meeting at Bellows AFS is scheduled for the fall of 1996. Meeting notices indicating the date, time, and location will be published in the newspaper.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Restoration Advisory Boards or environmental cleanup projects conducted by the Air Force in Hawaii is encouraged to contact the Installation Restoration Program at the address on the back of the fact sheet. The Air Force can also arrange to make presentations and to conduct site visits for interested community groups. If you wish to be included on our mailing list to receive meeting notices, fact sheets, and newsletters on environmental projects performed by the 15th ABW, please complete the form on the back of this fact sheet.



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Restoration Advisory Board Membership Application

Bellows Air Force Station
Waimanalo, Hawaii

Purpose

The 15th Air Base Wing is forming a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) at Bellows Air Force Station (AFS). This will serve as a mechanism for community members to provide information, suggestions, and input on the environmental cleanup at Bellows AFS.

Conditions for Membership

Service on the RAB is voluntary. RAB members are expected to serve a 2-year term and attend all RAB meetings or designate an alternate. Members who are absent (without a designated alternate) from two or more consecutive meetings may be asked to resign. Priority for membership will be given to local residents who are affected by the environmental contamination and cleanup at Bellows AFS and represent the diverse interests of the nearby communities.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone numbers: Daytime (__) _____ **Home** (__) _____ **Fax** (__) _____

1. Briefly state why you would like to be considered for membership.

2. Which of the following apply to you as an individual?

- ☐ Local resident
- ☐ Local or regional environmental group
- ☐ Labor organization
- ☐ Business community
- ☐ Civic or public interest organization
- ☐ Homeowner association
- ☐ Base employee/resident
- ☐ Religious community
- ☐ Local government

Other _____

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please return your completed application to:
Installation Restoration Program
Attn: Bellows AFS Remedial Project Manager
15 CES/CEVR
75 H Street
Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii 96853-5233
Fax 449-9723

MAILING LIST

Community members interested in learning more about the Installation Restoration Program at Bellows Air Force Station are encouraged to complete the mailing list application below. We will include you on our mailing list for fact sheets and for notices of upcoming community meetings. We want to hear from you!

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Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii 96853-5233
Fax: 449-9723

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____ **FAX NO:** _____

ACTIVITY ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

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