Edwards Air Force Base
Installation Restoration Program

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This fact sheet describes the Restoration Advisory Board at Edwards Air Force Base.

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Edwards' Restoration Advisory Board Enters Second Year

Public representatives give comment on Air Force cleanup decisions

The Edwards AFB Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) has started its second year of advising the Air Force on cleanup decisions at the base.

The RAB was developed to be a two-way communication conduit from the Air Force to the surrounding communities and base workers about the base environmental cleanup program. Board members meet quarterly to review on-going or planned cleanup actions. Their goals are to increase community awareness, promote two-way communication, and to review cleanup issues.

"We take their advice very seriously," said Robert Wood, base remedial project manager. "This is an opportunity for the public to have a say-so in how we spend their tax dollars."

Membership

The group is made up of 12 community or public representatives, three representatives from state and federal environmental regulatory agencies, the base commander, and the base remedial project manager.

The board's off-base public representatives were chosen by local community organizations or governments. On-base public representatives were chosen either by the commanders of the various associates or by the RAB. Nominations were open to anyone living in the communities of base housing, Boron, California City, Mojave, North Edwards, Lancaster, and Rosamond, or base workers.

All representatives are representatives-at-large. That means that citizens may contact any of them with a concern

Scott Shoemaker, representative from the Phillips Laboratory, asks a question at a RAB meeting.

about the cleanup program and they will take it to the Air Force.

Successes

To date, the board has reviewed and advised the Air Force on several issues including the proposed cleanup of several sites at main base and the Phillips Laboratory, the planned destruction of 200,000 pounds of the 35-year-old rocket fuel pentaborane, the continued efforts to locate potentially contaminated sites through archival research, and the cleanup program budget.

Board members completed training on relative risk evaluations and learned about the various environmental laws that direct the cleanup efforts.

Members have also helped the Air Force at several outreach events and brought public concerns about Air Force cleanup actions to the board.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact a board member or Dennis Shoffner, Chief Environmental Public Affairs, at (805) 277-1454.

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