FACT SHEET 5 - RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD FEBRUARY 1995

Naval Air Station Pensacola Environmental Program

This fact sheet is one in a series that informs interested citizens about the environmental investigations and remedial actions at NAS Pensacola. Other fact sheets will be written at appropriate points in the program and in response to public [illegible] Pensacola, (904) 452-2311.

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

What is a Restoration Advisory Board?

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 Naval Air Station Pensacola on environmental restoration issues.

NAS Pensacola 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 Pensacola, 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 the Department of the Navy.

Establishing the Restoration Advisory Board

NAS Pensacola will convert its existing Technical Review Committee (TRC) into a RAB by including more community members. The Navy is expanding the TRC into a RAB to reflect the balance and diversity of the community.

The RAB will be headed by two co-chairs. Community members will elect a community co-chair and the air station will designate a Navy co-chair.

Responsibilities of the RAB

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 give advice and make recommendations on environmental restoration issues at NAS Pensacola. 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.

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 Naval Air Station Pensacola.

How to Become a RAB Member

Naval Air Station Pensacola 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:

Thursday, February 23
at 7 p.m.

An informal information session will begin at 3 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 — Warrington Campus
T. Felton Harrison Building (Student Affairs)
5555 West Highway 98

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

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