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In an effort to expand comprehensive public outreach, the Program Manager for Rocky Mountain Arsenal announces the formation of its Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).

The Arsenal has recognized the importance of public participation in its environmental cleanup program and has worked in the surrounding area in a variety of programs all focused on community awareness. The RAB is intended to increase public participation by further involving the community in the restoration decision-making process.

The existing Technical Review Committee (TRC) will be modified beginning with its meeting on Oct. 6 to become a RAB. The RAB will include members who reflect the diverse interests of the local communities. RAB members will have the opportunity to provide input on cleanup activities at the Arsenal.

"The difference between the old TRC and the new RAB is the exchange of information," said Kevin Blose, technical director for Rocky Mountain Arsenal. "Under the old guidelines of the TRC, we (the Army) just provided technical information to the committee members. Under this new advisory board, we will have the opportunity for open discussion and the exchange of information. I believe this will ultimately help the program."

The RAB members will be asked to review and comment on technical documents relating to the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities at RMA. The members will have the opportunity to provide input on activities that will accelerate the cleanup effort. Members will also be asked to help with the educational process by returning to their respective communities and sharing information.

The RAB meets the first Thursday of each month from 5 – 7 p.m. at Rocky Mountain Arsenal. All meetings are open to the public. The west entrance of the Arsenal is located at 72nd and Quebec; the south entrance is located at 56th and Havana.

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