



US Army Environmental Command



Restoration Advisory Boards

A RAB is a forum for discussion and an exchange of information between governmental agencies and the affected community concerning an installation's Environmental Restoration Program.

It is recognized by the Department of Defense and EPA as the official community advisory group for restoration projects.





RAB Member Responsibilities

- **When a Restoration Advisory Board is established, the members are expected to:**
 - Provide input to environmental restoration issues to Army installations and regulatory agencies
 - Hold regular meetings, which are publicly announced and open to the public at convenient times and locations
 - Review, evaluate and comment on project documents
 - Recommend priorities among sites or projects
 - Identify applicable standards for cleanup
 - Propose cleanup levels consistent with planned land use as specified by the appropriate (State or Federal) environmental regulatory agency.



Installation Role

- Educates/informs community members about the Defense Environmental Restoration Program and Army environmental decision-making process
- Facilitates productive community participation
- Helps members understand and participate in the relative risk site evaluation and/or munitions response site prioritization protocol processes
- Helps members understand the Army budgeting process; develops budget requests and advises RAB of funds provided
- Provides cleanup alternatives, including implications of the various choices
- Provides technical support as required