

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS FACT SHEET
FORT MONROE
RESTROATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)**



Background

The 1980 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) requires identification, investigation and remediation (cleanup) of sites throughout the country contaminated by past waste management practices. The **Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP)** was formally established by Congress in 1986 to provide for the cleanup of Department of Defense (DoD) sites under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense. The Army established two restoration programs under the DERP. The first is the **Installation Restoration Program (IRP)** which addresses sites impacted by hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants at industrial and commercial areas, such as landfills and factories. The second program is the **Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP)** designed to address non-operational range lands that are suspected or known to contain unexploded ordnance (UXO), discarded military munitions (DMM) or munitions constituents (MC). Fort Monroe will be undergoing restoration activities.

What is the Restoration Advisory Board?

A RAB is a forum of representatives from DoD, state and local governments, tribal governments and the affected community. It reflects the diverse makeup of the community and provides all stakeholders the opportunity to participate in the restoration process, monitor restoration progress and provide the opportunity to make community views known to the decision-makers.

Facts

Fort Monroe advertised for community volunteers in the spring of 2006. Of the 86 initial respondents, 41 formal applications were received. A joint Army/community panel selected 12 voting members and 2 alternates from the applicants. The RAB has a Community Co-Chair selected by the RAB's voting members and an Army Co-Chair appointed by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office.

Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of May and November at the Hampton City Hall 5th floor conference room and will begin at 6:00 PM.

All meetings are open to the public.

The RAB functions only in an advisory capacity and is not a decision-maker. Further, it is not involved in any way in the development of the Reuse Plan nor does it serve as a sounding board for non-restoration environmental issues or other community concerns unrelated to cleanup.

All documents relevant to RAB actions will be placed in the Special Collections Department of the Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton VA. They will also be placed at the following website, size permitting: www.fortmonroerab.org.

RAB Mission Statement

The RAB's mission statement is as follows: "The Fort Monroe RAB exists to communicate with the community, ensure the concerns of the community are considered and provide recommendations on the environmental cleanup goals and activities at Fort Monroe during its transition to the future under BRAC."

RAB Leadership

Community Co-Chair: Mr. Glenn Brazelton

Army Co-Chair: Ms. Jennifer Guerrero

Other Stakeholders

Regulatory Agency: Mr. Eric Salopek,
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ)

National Park Service (NPS): Mr. Terry Brown,
Fort Monroe National Monument Superintendent

Fort Monroe Authority (FMA): Mr. John Hutchinson,
Deputy Executive Director

Contacting the RAB

If you have questions concerning the RAB or are interested in applying for future RAB membership, an application may be obtained by contacting:

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