

ESTABLISH A RAB

*THE RAB IS A MEANS FOR
STAKEHOLDER
INVOLVEMENT IN THE
CLEANUP PROCESS*



*“STAKEHOLDERS” ARE THOSE AFFECTED BY OR WHO
OTHERWISE HAVE AN INTEREST OR “STAKE” IN OR THE
ABILITY TO INFLUENCE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP
DECISIONS*

*“the whole cleanup initiative will
reach its full potential only with full
public participation”*

- Sherri W. Goodman
*Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
(Environmental Security)*

*“it is stakeholders such as the public
who will determine the success of
cleanup”*

- Elliott Laws
U.S... EPA Assistant Administrator

The RAB creates the opportunity for the exchange of information between the community, the installation, and regulatory agencies about environmental cleanup at military bases. Through the RAB, community members can provide input directly to the individuals responsible for making cleanup decisions.

ENHANCE TRUST

*INVOLVING ALL
STAKEHOLDERS IN THE
DECISION MAKING
PROCESS ENHANCES
TRUST AND LEADS TO
FASTER CLEANUPS*



BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Increased understanding of cleanup issues
- Opportunity to influence cleanup decisions
- Improved community acceptance and support for cleanup decisions
- More responsive and cost-efficient cleanup

RABs provide a forum for the community, the installation, and regulatory agencies to work together to identify common interests. The common goals and expectations created by this partnership form the basis for more informed cleanup decisions.

ACHIEVE BALANCE AND DIVERSITY

*RAB MEMBERS SHOULD MIRROR
THE DIVERSE INTERESTS WITHIN
THE COMMUNITY*



*IDENTIFYING STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY IS
A CRITICAL EARLY STEP IN ESTABLISHING A RAB*

STAKEHOLDERS

- Local residents
- Employees
- Current TRC members
- Local government
- Business community
- School districts
- Reuse committees
- Local environmental groups/activists
- Civic/public interest organizations
- Religious community
- Local regulatory agencies
- Homeowner associations
- Medical community
- Native Americans
- Installation
- State/environmental agencies
- Federal agencies



STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS

- Health
- Safety
- Environment
- Fairness/Equity
- Legal Issues
- Process
- Aesthetics
- Economics

STEPS IN ESTABLISHING A RAB

- Identify stakeholders
- Determine stakeholder needs and interests
- Organize a selection panel
- Recommend candidates
- Accept nominations of the selection panel
- Train RAB members