WHAT IS INSTALLATION RESTORATION?

The Installation Restoration Program (IRP) was set up by the Department of Defense to restore sites affected by our past operations. The IRP provides money for bases to locate, investigate and clean up waste sites.

PAST OPERATIONS

Maintaining and repairing vehicles, ships, and aircraft produces wastes such as solvents and used oil. In the past our disposal practices, although acceptable at the time, did not meet today's stricter environmental laws. In 1980 we changed the way we do business. Since then we have been a recognized leader in environmental compliance.

INSTALLATION RESTORATION = PARTNERING

Under the IRP we are cleaning up waste sites to protect human health and the environment. Cleaning up military bases is done in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, state and local regulatory agencies, and members of the community.

STAGES OF THE IRP PROCESS

Cleanup Under the IRP Consists of Four Stages

Stage 1: Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection (PA/SI)

Activities during the PA/SI include:

- Search and review of historic records, such as maps, aerial photographs, and drawings
- Interviews with past and present base employees as well as members of the community
- Visual site inspections to find signs of a possible chemical release

Stage 2: Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

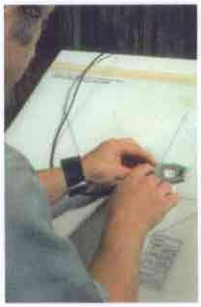
Activities during the RI/FS includes:

- Collecting and testing samples of soil, surface water, and/or sediment
- Drilling wells to sample and/or monitor water under the ground
- Evaluating different types of treatment methods

Stage 3: Remedial Design and Remedial Action (RD/RA)

Activities during RD/RA include:

- Preparing detailed plans on how the treatment method will be built and operated
- Building the treatment process and starting treatment
- Monitoring the treatment method to ensure that it is performing as planned



Stage 4: Site Closeout

Closeout is the official end of the cleanup. Activities include:

- Documenting that the treatment process has achieved its purpose, that is, to protect public health and the environment
- Notifying regulatory agencies and the public that the treatment process will be shut down
- Shutting down and removing the treatment process

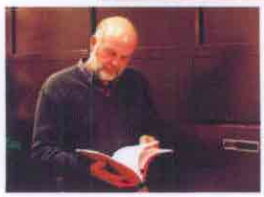
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The community is an important partner in cleaning up military bases. That is why great care has been taken to provide opportunities for public involvement at every stage of the IRP. Members of the community can also become active members of the cleanup team by joining the local Restoration Advisory Board.

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARDS

A Restoration Advisory Board or RAB is a group of community members, base officials, representatives of regulatory agencies, and others interested in base cleanup. The RAB provides a forum for discussion and information exchange between all parties on the IRP. Citizen members of the RAB represent the interests of the community on base cleanup issues. RAB members review and comment on environmental studies and cleanup plans.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES



- Attend public meetings and information sessions
- Visit the Public Information Repository
- Review and place your comments in the "Administrative Record"
- Get on the mailing list for IRP Newsletters and Fact Sheets
- Call the IRP "Infoline" to comment or ask question about your base's IRP

To get more information on RABs and other opportunities for public involvement in the IRP, contact your base's Environmental Programs Office