

## What is the NAS Whidbey Island RAB?

NAS Whidbey Island was one of the first five “pilot” naval installations to implement the DoD RAB Rule to ensure local communities have a forum to provide meaningful input regarding cleanup activities at military installations.

The NAS Whidbey Island RAB consists of community members, representatives from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington State Department of Ecology, and local government organizations. While it does not have decision-making authority, the RAB plays a crucial advisory role by:

**Facilitating two-way communication** between the community, DoD, Navy, and regulatory agencies about the ERP.

**Reviewing and providing feedback** on environmental investigations, cleanup plans, and restoration activities.

**Ensuring transparency** by keeping the public informed about ongoing environmental efforts and potential impacts.

**Helping shape cleanup priorities** by voicing community concerns and perspectives with the Navy and regulators.

**Encouraging public participation** about the environmental restoration process.

RAB meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held at least once a year. RAB meeting topics include ERP updates on the status of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) investigations, Area 6 Landfill, State Petroleum Cleanup Program, and Military Munitions Response Program. Meeting announcements are published in the *Whidbey-News Times* and *South Whidbey Record* and sent via email to the mailing list. To be added to the mailing list, please contact the NAS Whidbey Island Public Affairs at [NASWI-PAO@us.navy.mil](mailto:NASWI-PAO@us.navy.mil).

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## Are You Interested in Environmental Cleanup at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island?



### Become a Restoration Advisory Board Member Today!

A Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) provides a forum for community members, regulatory agencies, and the Department of Defense (DoD) to exchange information and discuss environmental cleanup at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island. Comprised of local residents with a shared interest in the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP), the RAB meets regularly to discuss ongoing cleanup, review technical documents, and provide input on decisions impacting the community. This partnership helps ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful community involvement in the restoration process.

# How to Participate

## Becoming a RAB Member:

Attend RAB meetings as a community member. All RAB meetings are open to the public. If you would like to receive email notifications about RAB meetings, please contact NAS Whidbey Island Public Affairs at (360) 257-2286 or email NASWI-PAO@us.navy.mil.

OR

Become a voting RAB member. If you have questions about RAB membership, please contact the Public Affairs Office at NAS Whidbey Island Public Affairs at 360-257-2286 or NASWI-PAO@us.navy.mil.

## Application Process

You may apply by completing this form and mailing it with First Class postage.

To apply online, download the RAB application at <https://pacific.navfac.navy.mil/NASWIRAB/> or scan the QR Code to the right, and submit it via email to: NASWI-PAO@us.navy.mil.



## Voting RAB Member Responsibilities

Applicants should understand that serving on the RAB is a voluntary commitment that comes with certain responsibilities, including:

- Serving for at least two years without compensation, including attending RAB meetings 1-2 times per year.
- Participating in discussions in a constructive and respectful manner.
- Representing and communicating community interests and concerns to the RAB.
- Assisting the NAS Whidbey Island ERP team by sharing accurate information with other community members.
- Reviewing, evaluating, and providing input on documents related to environmental restoration, where applicable.

# VOTING RAB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## PRIVACY ACT

Providing the personal information on this form is voluntary. It is requested in order to determine your interest in RAB membership and allow us to be able to reach you when needed. This information will NOT be published, only reviewed, shared with the RAB Community Co-Chair, and kept on file at NAS Whidbey Island.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state why you would like to be a RAB Member: \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly summarize your experience pertaining to environmental issues and community organizations:

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By signing this application, I willingly agree to work cooperatively with other RAB members to ensure the effective use of RAB resources in contributing to the cleanup of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. By signing this application, I acknowledge the following:

*My RAB membership does not present a conflict of interest (i.e. I am not employed by contractors performing cleanup work or could otherwise benefit from specific remedial decisions). I understand that my name may be published as a RAB member, and that my address and telephone number will not be published without my consent.*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_