

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD



The Navy is currently forming a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for Naval Base Kitsap (NBK), which includes the following facilities: NBK-Bangor, NBK-Bremerton, Jackson Park Housing Complex, NBK-Keyport, NBK-Manchester, and Naval Hospital Bremerton. A RAB is designed to provide a formal forum for effective two-way communication between the community and the Navy about the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) at

NBK. The Navy is conducting investigations and initiating cleanup actions at NBK to address past releases of contaminants to the environment, such as materials that contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), ordnance compounds, and petroleum products.

What do RAB members do?

RAB members provide input to the Navy, regulators, and other government agencies on environmental clean-up activities and community involvement by:

- Reviewing and commenting on various technical documents and related site information;
- Attending RAB meetings to discuss and exchange information regarding site cleanup; and
- Serving as a two-way liaison by bringing community issues to RAB meetings and sharing information discussed at the RAB meetings with the broader community.

What is the RAB structure?

The RAB has official members, and meetings are open to the general public. RAB membership should reflect the diverse interests of the community as well as include representation from the Navy, and interested local, state, and federal government agencies. RAB membership is voluntary.

The RAB has two co-chairs, consisting of one Navy representative and one community representative.

The RAB may be run by a facilitator whose role will be to ensure all RAB members have the opportunity to participate in an open, honest, and constructive manner. A facilitator can help the RAB meetings stay on agenda and ensure they are conducted in accordance with their operating procedures.

What are the roles and responsibilities?

RAB Members

- Attend meetings.
- Provide individual input in an open, honest, and constructive manner.
- Represent and communicate community concerns to the RAB.
- Act as a conduit for the exchange of information.
- Review, evaluate, and comment on documents and other materials related to the ERP.
- Represent and communicate RAB issues to the community.

Community Co-Chair

- Coordinate with Navy co-chair to prepare agenda for meetings.
- Ensure that all RAB members have the opportunity to participate in an open, honest, and constructive manner.
- Ensure that community issues and concerns related to the ERP are raised.
- Assist with dissemination of information to RAB members and the general public.
- Report back to the community, and coordinate with other RAB members to ensure that they are adequately representing segments of the community at RAB meetings.

Navy Co-Chair

- Coordinate with community co-chair to prepare agenda for meetings and distribute meeting materials to the RAB.
- Ensure that the Navy participates in an open, honest, and constructive manner.
- Attend all RAB meetings (or identify an alternative representative).
- Discuss environmental matters in a manner that will ensure that non-technical members of the RAB will understand.
- Ensure community issues and concerns related to the ERP are addressed when raised.
- Provide relevant policies and guidance documents to the RAB.
- Ensure that adequate administrative support is provided to the RAB.
- Refer issues not related to the ERP to the appropriate officials.

Government Members

- Participate in RAB meetings.
- Serve as a referral and resource on the ERP.
- Review documents and other materials related to the ERP.
- Ensure that state and local environmental standards and regulations are identified and addressed by Navy.
- Facilitate flexible and innovative resolutions of environmental issues and concerns.
- Assist in education and training for RAB members.

**RAB meeting day and time are determined by
RAB members and generally held 2–4 times per year.**