

What is the NAS Whidbey Island Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)?

NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND was one of the first five "pilot" naval installations to implement the Department of Defense RAB Rule in 1994.

The NAS Whidbey Island RAB primarily consists of community members, and also includes representatives from the US Navy, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Washington State Department of Ecology, and local government organizations.

The RAB is intended to bring together community members who reflect the diverse interests within the local community, but is not a decision-making body.

The structuring of the RAB allows a two-way flow of information and concerns between the affected community, regulatory agencies and the Navy.

All RAB meetings are open to the public. NAS Whidbey Island provides administrative support & additional technical assistance is available to RAB members.

If you have questions or are interested in applying for membership, please call Leslie Yuenger at (360) 396-1030 or Mike Welding at (360) 257-42286, or fill out and return this application form. If submitting by U.S. Postal Service, please affix First Class postage prior to mailing.

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



Become a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Member!

The RAB is an advisory body designated to act as a forum for discussion and exchange of information regarding environmental cleanup progress between NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND, regulatory agencies, and the community.

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How to become a RAB Member

Community members interested in finding out more about the RAB are encouraged to attend the NAS Whidbey Island RAB meetings. At these meetings, you will hear status updates on base clean-up activities and view selected presentations on current projects.

RAB meetings are usually held at least once per year at either the NAS Whidbey Island CPO Club or City of Oak Harbor Public Works Conference Room. Advertisements are posted in the *Whidbey News-Times* and *South Whidbey Record* **at least** two weeks before the RAB.

Volunteer members are encouraged to participate for a minimum of two years. Anyone applying for membership must understand, if selected, that being a member requires certain responsibilities. Those who choose not to become official members may still attend RAB meetings, which are open to the public.

Responsibilities of RAB members:

- Serve in a voluntary capacity;
- Attend regularly scheduled RAB meetings;
- Participate in a constructive and respectful manner
- Provide advice and comment on restoration issues to the decision-makers
- Represent and communicate community interests and concerns to the RAB
- Act as a conduit for exchange of information between the community, DoD installation, and environmental oversight agencies regarding the installation's restoration and reuse programs
- Review, evaluate, and comment on documents and other materials related to installation restoration and closure, when applicable

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 Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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

Briefly summarize your experience pertaining to environmental issues: _____

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, but that my address and telephone number will not be published without my consent.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____