

# Restoration Advisory Board: Fact Sheet



*Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida*

## Background

The Defense Environmental Restoration Account was established in the 1980s to fund environmental assessment and cleanup activities at various Department of Defense facilities, including Air Force Installations. Since the inception of the program, the 45th Space Wing Installation Restoration Program (IRP), under the direction of the U.S. Air Force Civil Engineering Center, continues to transform Air Force environmental liabilities into operational assets, while protecting human health and the environment.

## What is the Restoration Advisory Board?

The Restoration Advisory Board, commonly referred to as the RAB, represents the diverse interests of the communities surrounding Patrick Air Force Base (PAFB) and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS). The purpose of the RAB is to provide a forum for effective two-way communication among community members, the Air Force, and regulatory agencies regarding environmental restoration activities.



Formed in 1995, the RAB is a committee made up of Brevard County community members, an environmental regulator from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and local government and installation representatives. The formation of the RAB encourages community participation in the cleanup process and provides community members and other stakeholders the opportunity to have meaningful dialogue with and provide advice and recommendations to Air Force environmental officials. Together, the Air Force, the regulators and the public are working toward a common goal.

Currently, there are 12 members of the board, representing nine different communities throughout Brevard County. The RAB is co-chaired by the 45th Space Wing Vice Commander and a designated community co-chair. Additionally, members of the board often serve as representatives in local government organizations. Members of the RAB meet three times a year to discuss on-going projects and provide feedback on environmental studies and restoration activities at 45th Space

Wing Facilities. All RAB meetings are open to the public and technicians are available to provide RAB members additional information relating to restoration projects and IRP sites.

## Community Expectations

RAB members are expected to be available to community members and civic groups to facilitate the exchange of information and/or concerns between the community and the RAB.

## How to Become a RAB Member

Community members interested in finding out more about the RAB or applying for RAB membership may obtain and complete a membership application form by contacting Ms. Regina Butler, Restoration Project Manager, by phone (321-494-9298), email ([Regina.Butler.1@us.af.mil](mailto:Regina.Butler.1@us.af.mil)), or by mail at:

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RAB Applications will be reviewed and members will be selected by the current advisory board.

