

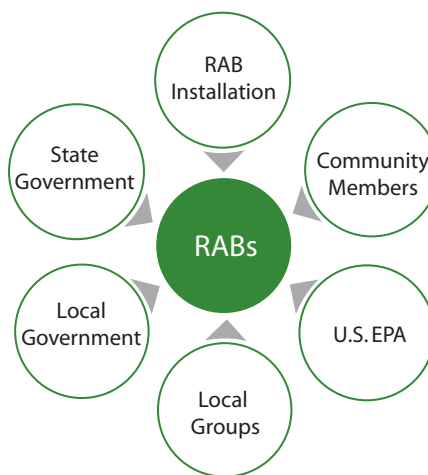
The Restoration Advisory Board Rule – Fact Sheet



What is a RAB?

The Department of Defense (DoD) recently published a regulation addressing Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs), 71 Federal Register 27610 (May 12, 2006) with technical corrections at 71 Federal Register 30719 (May 30, 2006) and 71 Federal Register 42756 (July 28, 2006). In accordance with statutory requirements (10 U.S.C. 2705(d)(2)(A)), the RAB Rule addresses the establishment, characteristics, composition, and funding of RABs.

A RAB is a forum to discuss and exchange information about DoD's environmental restoration program, identify issues of concern, and establish a direct line of communication between DoD, communities, and regulators.



What is the significance of the Rule?

The RAB Rule provides communities or individuals affected by an installation's environmental restoration activities with a framework for participating in the environmental restoration process. The RAB Rule discusses:

- Activities that can be performed by a RAB,
- Establishing a RAB,
- RAB operating procedures,
- Responsibilities of RAB members,
- Steps to adjourn a RAB,
- Steps to dissolve a RAB.

Who should read the Rule?

The RAB Rule is written for anyone who is currently, or may be affected by environmental restoration activities at an installation:

- o Installation Commanders
- o Co-Chairs
- o Community members
- o Family members of military and civilian personnel
- o Local and state governments
- o Tribes and indigenous people
- o Current landowners
- o Environmental Protection Agency

Where is the Rule available?

The RAB Rule is available on the Defense Environmental Network and Information eXchange (DENIX) at: <https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/News/OSD/RAB/rabrul.html>.

What guidance will be available to RABs?

DoD is currently developing guidance to assist Components to implement the rule. Following this publication the Components will release guidance to help RAB communities and installations interpret the rule.