

A photograph of a forest stream with large rocks and a person in the background. The stream flows through a dense forest with many trees and vines. The water is clear and reflects the surrounding greenery. A person wearing a white shirt and a yellow safety vest is visible in the background on the right side of the stream. The text "RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)" is overlaid in large, bold, green letters with a black outline.

**RESTORATION  
ADVISORY  
BOARD  
(RAB)**

# **RAB**

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- 1 - Provides forum for community input in decision making process**
- 2 - Active involvement in review of technical documents & clean up process**

# **RAB Members**

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- **Provide individual advisement and guidance to the decision makers regarding clean up activities**

# RAB

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- Established at appropriated FUDS where there is *sufficient, sustained* interest

# **Community Interest Points**

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- **Local government request that a RAB be formed**
- **Petition signed by at least 50 local residents requesting that a RAB be formed**
- **Determination by the Corps of Engineers District Commander that a RAB is needed**

# **Rationale for a RAB**

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- **Encourages dialogue among stakeholders**
- **Built on successful Technical Review Committee Model**
- **Fosters true partnership between the community and government agencies**
  - **Equal member status**
  - **Meetings open to the public**

# Purpose of the RAB

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- Act as a forum for the discussion and exchange of information regarding clean up between POH, regulatory agencies, and the community
- Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to participate in the clean up process and provide input to decision makers
- Complement other community involvement initiatives

# **Responsibilities of the RAB**

- Provide advisement to POH and federal and state regulatory agencies
- Consider important issues related to clean up, such as scope of studies, clean up levels, waste management, and remedial action alternatives
- Review and evaluate documents
- Recommend priorities among sites and projects
- Conduct regular meetings, open to the public, at convenient times and locations

# Potential Members of the RAB

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- Representatives of affected community interests and/or guests
- Interested individuals
- Installation
- EPA Region
- State Environmental Agency
- Other Federal and State Agencies
- Local Government

# Next Steps

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- Nominate candidates you think can represent the community
- Deadline: September 10, 2004
- Watch for the first meeting