

FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITE

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# RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## **Background**

The U.S. captured Guam from Japan in August 1944 as a part of its Pacific campaign during World War II. By April 1945, the 64th and 771st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalions occupied the area referred to as "Area 101," with most of the site designated for use as the Army Garrison Forces Bomb Disposal. The 64th AAA Battalion remained in Guam through August 1945, and the 771st AAA Battalion remained through September 1946.

The Area 101 Formerly Used Defense Site, or FUDS, property is in the community of Lupog, in the Municipality of Yigo, Guam, and consists of approximately 842 acres, immediately south of Andersen Air Force Base.

Environmental restoration at the Guam Area 101 site requires local community input and exchange of information. A Restoration Advisory Board, or RAB, provides this forum. (Image Right: Area 101 is denoted by the green border.)



#### What is a RAB?

A RAB is a stakeholder group that meets on a regular basis to discuss environmental restoration at a specific property that is either currently or formerly owned by the Department of Defense but where DoD oversees the environmental restoration process. The forum provides the community with the opportunity to exchange information with representatives of regulatory agencies, the installation, and the community. While the public can comment on the DoD's environmental restoration program, RABs offer a focused and interactive opportunity to participate in the environmental restoration process.

### How does a RAB work?

RABs may only address issues associated with environmental restoration activities. Funding for RABs is received from the service's environmental restoration accounts; therefore, RABs may only discuss environmental restoration topics. If another issue of community interest arises during a RAB's discussions, then the RAB installation co-chair should refer the issue to the appropriate offices or individuals at the installation. Limiting the RABs to discussions of environmental restoration helps ensure RABs remain focused and provides maximum opportunity to discuss issues related to environmental restoration activities.

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## How can I participate in the Guam Area 101 RAB?

USACE is committed to remediating Formerly Used Defense Site eligible properties like Area 101 and encourages the public to gain a comprehensive understanding of the site and the activities that have been conducted there.

If you would like to become a member of the Guam Area 101 RAB, please send an email with your name, email address, phone number and Area 101 Parcel ID to FUDS\_AREA-101@usace.army.mil. Solicitation for community interest in establishing a Restoration Advisory Board, or RAB, for this site will also be made available through local area stakeholder organizations, newspapers, and the project website.

#### More about FUDS

The DoD is responsible for the environmental restoration (cleanup) of properties that were formerly owned by, leased to or otherwise possessed by the U.S. and under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense prior to October 1986. Such properties are known as Formerly Used Defense Sites, or FUDS. The U.S. Army is the DoD's lead agent for the FUDS Program.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers executes the FUDS Program on behalf of the U.S. Army and DoD. The U.S. Army and DoD are dedicated to protecting human health and the environment by investigating and, if required, cleaning up potential contamination including munitions that may remain on these properties from past DoD activities.



**RECOGNIZE:** When you may have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous. Munitions can come in many shapes and sizes. They can be rusty or look like new. They can be out in the open, hidden in bushes, or partially buried.

**RETREAT:** Do not approach, touch, move, or disturb the item, carefully leave the

REPORT: Call 911 and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

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