NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER
Gulfport, Mississippi
Installation Restoration Program

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FACT SHEET 2: Formation of a Restoration Advisory Board

The Naval Construction Battalion Center (the "Seabee Center") is currently expanding and improving public involvement opportunities in the environmental cleanup program. Our first step is the formation of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). Our current Technical Review Committee will be expanded by adding members from the local community. Community members who reflect the diverse interests of our local community will be selected to participate on this board. The RAB will create a greater opportunity for community members to provide input into decisions made regarding the Navy's environmental programs at the Seabee Center.

What is a RAB?	The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is a forum for the discussion and exchange of environmental information among members of the community, representatives of the Navy, and local, State, and Federal regulatory agencies. The RAB will advise the Seabee Center on environmental issues and will act as a focal point for the exchange of information between the Seabee Center and the local community.
What does the RAB do?	The RAB will serve as a link between the community and the Navy for exchange of ideas on environmental cleanup. It will bring together community members who reflect the diverse interests within the local community, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the community and the Seabee Center. RAB meetings will be open to the public and will be held at regular and convenient times and locations. Meeting minutes will be made available to the public and placed in the Information Repository at the Gulfport Harrison County Library. (See Fact Sheet 1 for more information on the Information Repository.)