



RAB is a Link in Public Participation

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This fact sheet is one in a series prepared for RAB members about the Travis AFB Installation Restoration Program (IRP).

HOW THE PUBLIC CAN BECOME INVOLVED

Public participation is an integral part of the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) underway at Travis Air Force Base (Travis AFB). Public participation provides opportunities for all residents and interested parties to learn about the IRP, voice their concerns about specific contamination problems, provide input to technical decisions, and participate in developing solutions. Public participation also helps identify conflicts and provides a forum for diverse viewpoints to come together to understand and resolve problems.

A public participation program is required as part of the CERCLA process.

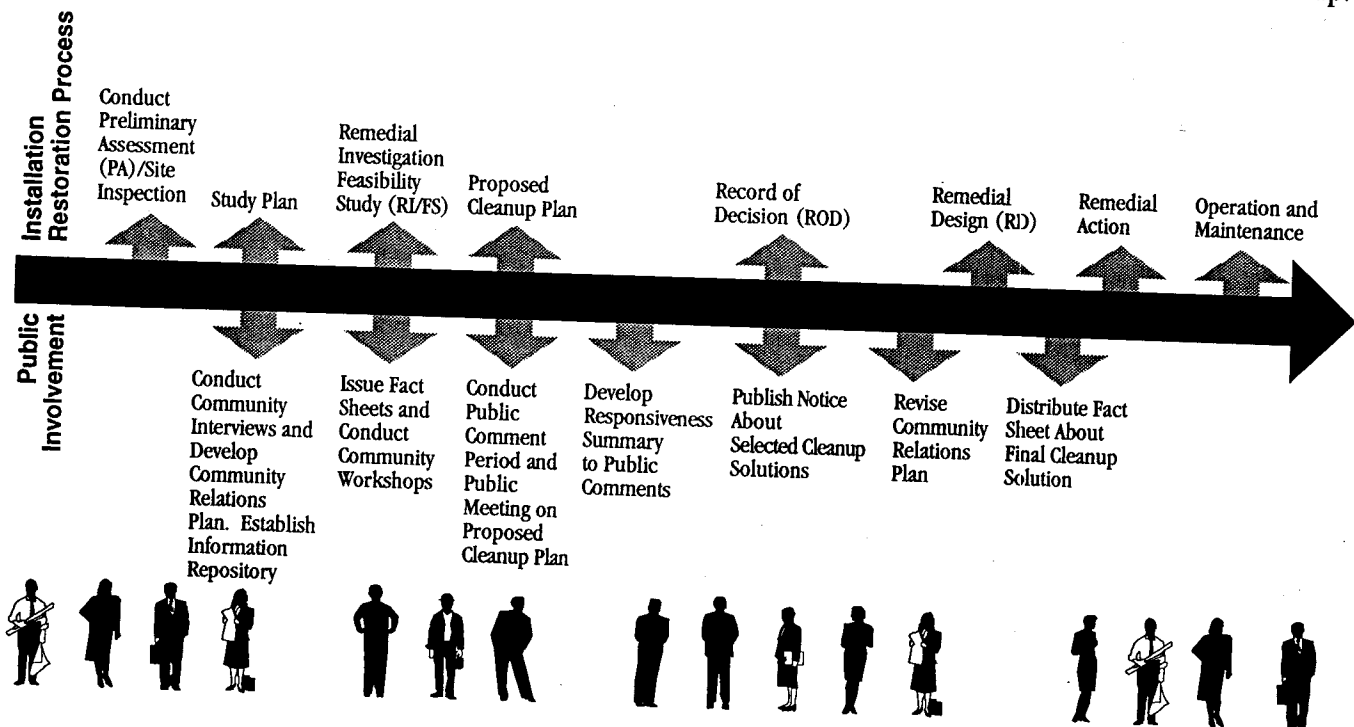
Design of a public involvement program includes conducting a variety of activities such as

interviewing community members developing and distributing fact sheets and newsletters, conducting public meetings to share relevant information, and establishing a restoration advisory board. Travis AFB welcomes these outreach activities and may also conduct activities to respond to specific concerns expressed by residents and interested parties. Travis AFB will tailor its outreach to meet the needs of the community it is serving.

Under the IRP, the Air Force has committed to doing the activities illustrated below.

THE ROLE OF THE RAB

As members of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) you have a distinct role in public participation. Primarily, as selected representatives of your community groups, you inform regulators and Travis AFB of public concerns about the cleanup.



You also serve as a communications link, informing your friends and neighbors about base and IRP decisions and activities. This function makes possible early and continued communication of information, concerns, values, and needs between the community and Travis AFB. The RAB does not replace other public participation activities, but is another forum to ensure that stakeholders have ample opportunities to provide input into the decision-making process and accelerate cleanup efforts.

TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

Are you expected to fulfill all the responsibilities of public participation? Certainly involving others in the process provides Travis AFB with a broader community perspective. You can encourage others to take the following steps to become involved.

- Get added to the mailing list for fact sheets, newsletters, and public notices. Write or call *Kendal Tanner, 60th SPTG/CEV, 420 Airmen Drive, Bldg. 121, Travis AFB, CA 94535-2041. Telephone: (707) 424-4322.*

- Monitor the entire environmental investigation and remediation process. All citizens can review documents, attend community meetings, read fact sheets and newsletters, and comment during the public comment period.
- Provide input to Travis AFB *before* the Feasibility Study is drafted. No one has to wait for the final report; the Air Force appreciates hearing from the public.
- Provide comments that are specific, using factual examples. Making a constructive suggestion for an action you prefer helps decisionmakers evaluate your alternative.
- Review Final RI/FSs for each operable unit to determine if all concerns raised have been adequately addressed.
- Continue providing input to the RAB, Travis AFB, and the regulatory agencies during the Remedial Design/Remedial Action phase of the cleanup.