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FACT SHEET

Restoration Advisory Board Preliminary Notice

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The Department of Defense (DoD) maintains a policy of involving local communities in the decision-making processes related to its Installation Restoration Programs (IRP). When a Defense base is slated for closure or realignment, the IRP is accelerated and absorbed into the Base Realignment and Closure process (BRAC), which is necessary for the legal transfer of the property. When this acceleration takes place, the need for community involvement also increases. Such is the case with NAS Memphis.

This fact sheet is being distributed as an invitation to members of the community to participate in the restoration process at NAS Memphis. NAS Memphis currently has a Technical Review Committee (TRC), organized under its IRP program, comprised of citizens, regulators, and representatives from the Navy. This Committee will be expanded and replaced with a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) to allow for more input from the community in the decisions made regarding NAS Memphis under the BRAC program. The RAB will include more members from the community than the TRC and will open all of its meetings to the public. In this manner, the Navy hopes to fully involve the community and address the public's concerns about the realignment of NAS Memphis.

● What is a RAB?

A Restoration Advisory Board is a group established for the express purpose of allowing individuals the opportunity to give advice to NAS Memphis on their environmental restoration program. A RAB also acts as a focal point for the exchange of information between NAS Memphis and the local community. The RAB is intended to bring together community members who reflect diverse interests within the local community, enabling early and continued sharing of information, concerns, values and needs between the community and the installation. The RAB will work in partnership with the installation on cleanup issues and related decisions.

The RAB exists to provide a forum for the community to express concerns and contribute information and suggestions to the Navy on matters of environmental restoration at NAS Memphis. For this reason, it is important that the RAB contain a cross-section of the Millington community

● Responsibilities of a RAB

The RAB will be the focal point for communicating information to the community about the Navy's plans at NAS Memphis. For this reason, a number of responsibilities accompany membership on the RAB:

* Conducting regular meetings, open to the public.
* Making minutes of these meetings available to the public, including publishing them in a local newspaper.
* Maintaining and using a mailing list of names and addresses of interested parties who wish to receive information on the cleanup program.
* Serving in a voluntary capacity. Members must attend all meetings and be prepared to review documents, recommend priorities among projects, and comment on proposed actions at NAS Memphis.

It is very important that the RAB consist of a representative cross section of the Millington community. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of the restoration process at NAS Memphis by joining the RAB, the DoD is still accepting nominations. Anyone interested in joining the RAB may fill out a Notice of Interest form, which is available through the NAS Memphis Public Affairs Office. Notice of Interest forms should be returned to this office no later than 5 P.M. March 21, 1994 to be considered in the selection process.

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