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DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: COMMUNICATIONS, OUTREACH, AND TRANSPARENCY

**Community Involvement Plan
Restoration Advisory Board
Technical Assistance For Public Participation**

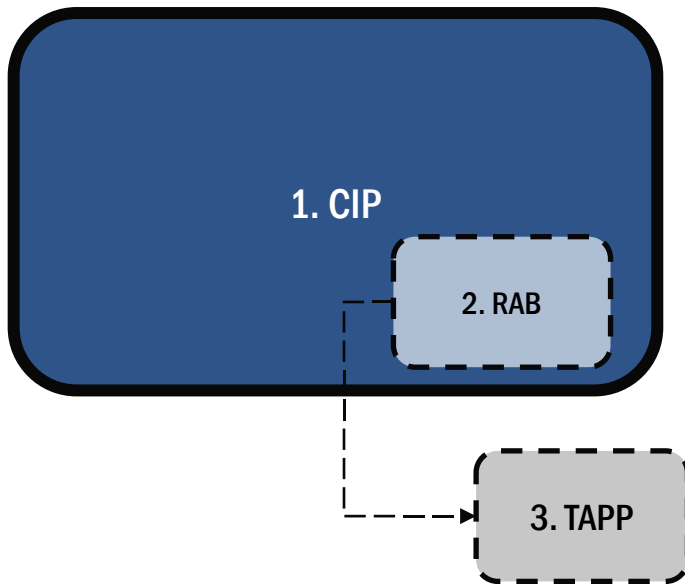
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AGENDA

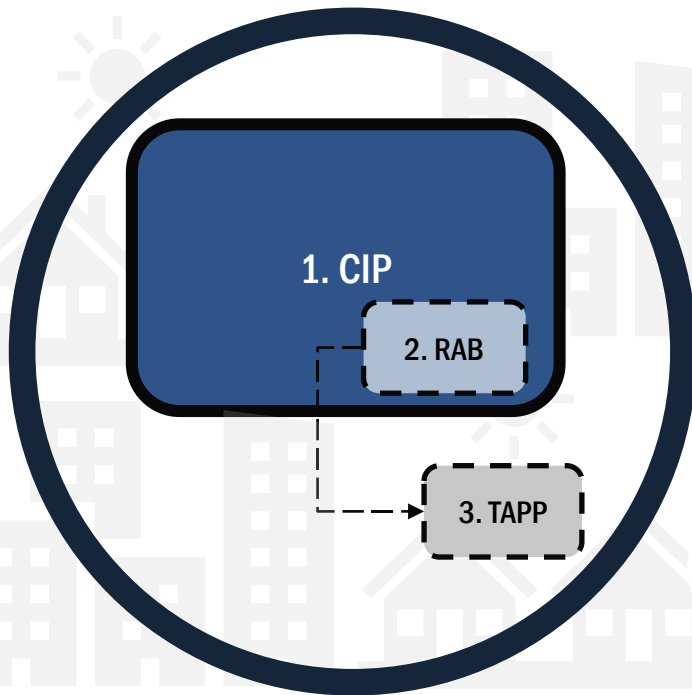


- DoW offers opportunities for community engagement in the cleanup process through the:



- Community Involvement Plan (**CIP**)
- Restoration Advisory Board (**RAB**)
- Technical Assistance for Public Participation (**TAPP**)

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: COMMUNICATIONS, OUTREACH, & TRANSPARENCY



DoW tailors outreach and communication to meet community needs and engage the community throughout the cleanup process.

These three main tools promote community engagement and maximize transparency, public participation, and collaboration during the cleanup process.

DoW values and considers stakeholders' needs and concerns, resulting in more implementable, effective, and accepted decisions.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: KEY OPPORTUNITIES IN CLEANUP

Examples of DoW's public communication and community involvement during the cleanup process

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT/ SITE INSPECTION	REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/ FEASIBILITY STUDY	PROPOSED PLAN/ DECISION DOCUMENT/ RECORD OF DECISION	REMEDIAL DESIGN/ REMEDIAL ACTION	LONG TERM MANAGEMENT	SITE CLOSEOUT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact sheets and community meetings to discuss findings • Designate a community involvement coordinator • Interview community members about concerns and how to involve • Establish information repository and administrative record • Establish site mailing list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public notices, meetings, and comments • Community presentations and briefings to local officials • Create website or social media presence • Media visits • Poster sessions • Workshops on cleanup process • Press releases • Newspaper articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public notices, meetings, and comments • Community presentations • Fact sheets to explain cleanup process • Cleanup workshops • Prepare written summary of all significant comments (i.e., Response Summary) • Press releases • Newspaper articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public briefings • Fact sheets • Public meetings • Website or social media posts • Press releases • Newspaper articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public notices • Five-year review results summary • Press releases • Website or social media posts • Public meetings • Newspaper articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public notice • Press release • Website or social media posts • Newspaper articles

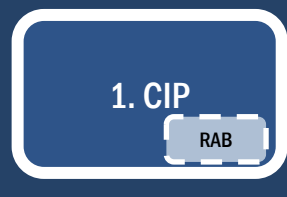


CIPs are installation-specific documents that are required at each installation with cleanup sites.

CIPs outline an individualized outreach strategy and communication activities to address community needs, concerns, and expectations.


CIP key elements include Site Description, Community Profile, Community Needs & Concerns, and Site Action Plans.

CIPs help tailor outreach strategies (e.g., websites, social media posts) to meet community needs, reach a broad audience and facilitate real-time communications.



CIP AND RAB: HOW DO THEY WORK TOGETHER?

 = required

 = optional

CIP

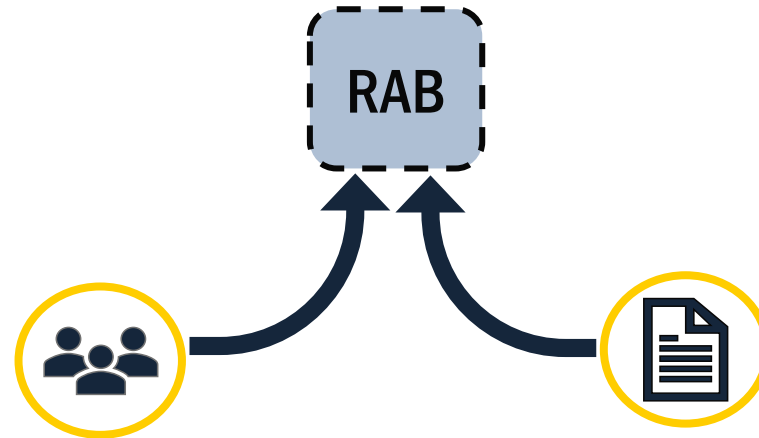
- Installation specific document tailored to community needs that serves as a roadmap for public involvement and communication.
- May identify a RAB as part of the community involvement strategy if DoW and the community decide it's an effective communication tool.
- Does NOT have to include a RAB.

RAB

- Stakeholder forum for public comment and feedback.
- Established and operated per the RAB Rule statute.
- Should be established when there is sufficient and sustained community interest.



RAB: WHAT MAKES FOR A SUCCESSFUL RAB?



RAB members play a critical role in ensuring cleanups are successful by:

- Sharing questions, concerns, and ideas;
- Reviewing and commenting on cleanup documents and activities; and
- Exchanging information about the schedule, type, and status of cleanup activities.

Policy & Guidance ensure the establishment and operation of successful RABs:

- Requirements to establish and operate a RAB are included in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 32 Part 202.
- DoW's [RAB Rule Handbook](#) guides installations and communities in establishing and supporting successful RABs.



RAB: WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING A RAB?

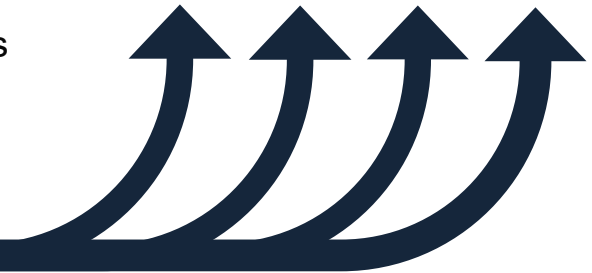
- Establishing a RAB follows a structured and specific process.
- Sufficient and sustained community interest is necessary to establish a RAB.



RAB: WHO CAN PARTICIPATE AND HOW DOES IT OPERATE?



RABs include representatives from:



Minimum requirements for a RAB include:

- ✓ Develop operating procedures with input from the community
- ✓ Facilitate public participation and public communication
- ✓ Develop and distribute meeting minutes
- ✓ Select or replace co-chairs and RAB members
- ✓ Review public comments and responses on cleanup documents



RAB: WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR FUNDING?

- DoW Components plan, program, and budget resources to support RAB activities.
- DoW maintained 208 RABs and obligated more than \$3.8M to support RAB efforts in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

RAB establishment and membership selection

Updates to an installation's website

Meeting announcements, facilities, and facilitators including translators

Mailing list maintenance and distribution

Transportation costs

Compensation for volunteer time

Meals and beverages at meetings

RAB member business cards

Computers, offices, and other office/business materials



Questions

- ?** When does a RAB adjourn or dissolve?

- ?** Can DoW reestablish a RAB?

- ?** Where do I get information if there is no longer an existing RAB?

Answers

- A** If cleanup activities at an installation end; land transfers; there is insufficient interest in the RAB; or RAB members agree it is no longer productive.

- A** Yes, if the community shows interest and cleanup activities are ongoing, or newly identified releases increase public interest after cleanup is complete.

- A** Reach out to the installation point of contact or Public Affairs Office to get updates and information generated as part of the CIP.



1. CIP

RAB

TAPP

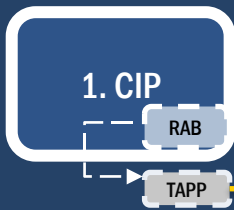
RAB AND TAPP: HOW DO THEY WORK TOGETHER?

RAB

- RAB members may have technical capabilities; in those cases, they can provide in-house technical expertise.
- However, members may not have the required cleanup knowledge or experience.

TAPP

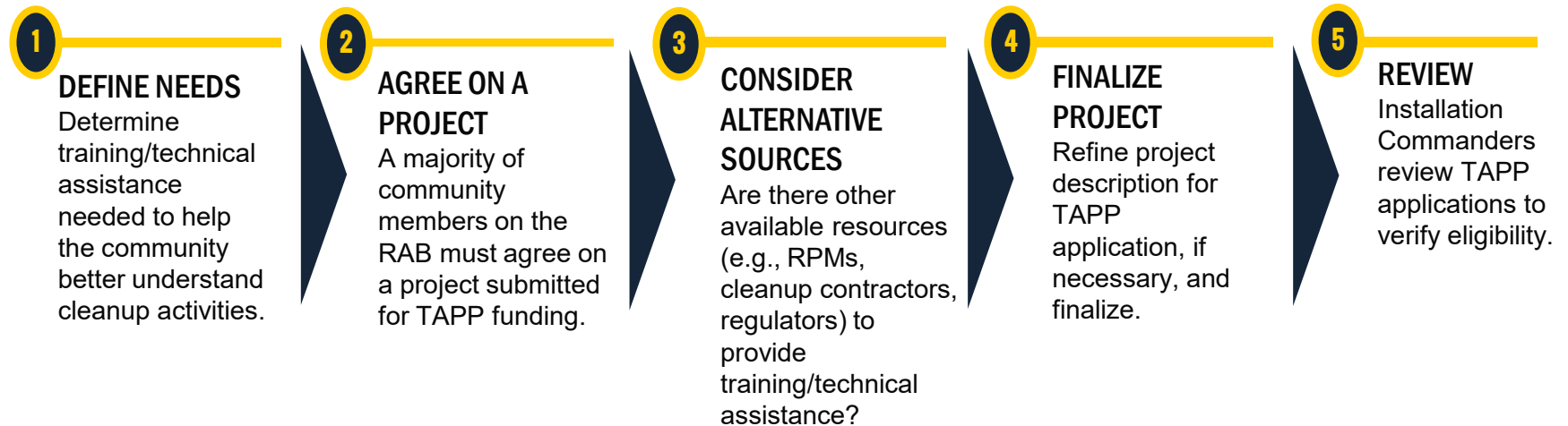
- Supports RAB members' understanding of scientific and technical information associated with cleanup activities.
- Provides funding for the RAB to consult with and independent technical expert.
- Expert will help RAB understand technical aspects supporting community acceptance of a proposed remedy.



TAPP: WHAT IS THE FUNDING PROCESS?



TAPP applications must comply with eligibility requirements for TAPP funding
(Part 203, Section 2705, Title 10, U.S.C.)



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	<input type="checkbox"/> INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES
Technical assistance to interpret scientific, technical, and engineering issues	Compliance, training workshops, and health studies



Questions

- ❓ **Who funds TAPP requests?**
- ❓ **How does DoW fund TAPP?**
- ❓ **Are there limitations to TAPP funding?**

Answers

- A** DoW provides TAPP funding; the community is not required to contribute.
- A** DoW contracts with selected TAPP provider(s) using funds from the DoW Components' environmental restoration or BRAC accounts; there is no dedicated funding for TAPP grants.
- A** DoW has annual and lifetime TAPP fund limits. Additionally, planning, programming, and budgeting may impact TAPP funding availability.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



- DoW Form 2749, TAPP Application: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/directives/forms/>
- DoD Instruction 4715.07, *Defense Environmental Restoration Program*, May 21, 2013: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/471507p.pdf>
- DoD Manual 4715.20, *Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) Management*, March 9, 2012: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodm/471520m.pdf>
- Title 10 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) 2705(d)(2)(A), *Notice of Environmental Restoration Activities*: <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/USCODE-2024-title10/USCODE-2024-title10-subtitleA-partIV-chap160-sec2705>
- [32 CFR Part 202, Department of Defense Restoration Advisory Boards](#)
- [32 CFR Part 203, Technical Assistance for Public Participation \(TAPP\) in Defense Environmental Restoration Activities](#): <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-32/subtitle-A/chapter-I/subchapter-M/part-203>
- [Section 203.10, Eligible Activities](#): <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-32/section-203.10>
- [Section 203.11, Ineligible Activities](#): <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-32/section-203.11>
- DoW PFAS Website: war.gov/PFAS
- DoW PFAS Website, Public Outreach <https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/eer/ecc/pfas/po/index.html>
- Introduction to TAPP: <https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/eer/ecc/pfas/docs/po/TAPP-Presentation-05222026.pdf>
- TAPP Application Instructions: <https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/eer/ecc/pfas/docs/po/TAPP-Application.pdf>
- Step-by-Step Instructions: <https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/eer/ecc/pfas/docs/po/TAPP-Instruction-DD2749-05222026.pdf>
- Applying for TAPP: <https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/eer/ecc/pfas/docs/po/TAPP-Application-Instructions-05222026.pdf>



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