



**Michigan Army National Guard**

# **Restoration Advisory Board Informational Meeting**

**Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center  
Grayling, Michigan**

**5 June 2019**

# What is a **RAB**?



A Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is a **stakeholder group** that meets regularly to discuss **environmental restoration** at a specific DoD property.

**The RAB will enable local residents to share their questions, concerns, ideas, exchange information with, and provide input to Camp Grayling JMTC decision makers.**

# RAB Background / History

- ❑ Since 1994, RABs have been established at over 300 military installations/properties.
- ❑ Encourage communities and installations to identify and discuss potential environmental restoration issues.
- ❑ By facilitating open communication and understanding, RABs serve as a forum for discussion among the parties at affected sites and installations.
- ❑ RABs provide a collaborative forum for the community, government agencies, tribes, and installation decision makers to discuss restoration activities.

# Restoration Advisory Board Implementation Guidelines: **The RAB Rule**

- ❑ 1994: DoD and EPA jointly issued RAB guidelines
- ❑ 2006: DoD final rule governing the operations of all RABs (**The RAB Rule**).
- ❑ Outlines establishment, composition, funding, operation, adjournment, and dissolution.

The complete RAB Rule may be found at:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2006-05-12/pdf/06-4246.pdf>

or at

32 Code of Federal Regulations Part 202.

# What is the purpose of a RAB?

- ❑ Offers members the opportunity to influence cleanup decisions through discussion and to provide input to decision makers.
- ❑ Offers members and the public the opportunity to share their questions, concerns, and ideas with environmental / health agencies involved in the restoration.
- ❑ Offers a focused and interactive opportunity to participate in the restoration process.

# What issues do RABs address?

- ❑ 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.
- ❑ Limiting discussions to environmental restoration helps to ensure that RAB remains focused and provides maximum opportunity to discuss issues related to environmental restoration activities.

# But.....

## What if I want to discuss other issues?

- ❑ Individuals hoping to discuss activities other than environmental restoration (such as noise, traffic, or aircraft operations), should contact the RAB installation co-chair.
- ❑ Camp Grayling co-chair will identify the point of contact (POC) or office responsible for handling the issues of interest and pass along the names of inquirers to the appropriate offices for resolution.

# What activities can RABs undertake?

- ❑ Reviewing and commenting on environmental restoration documents and activities.
- ❑ Providing information to the community.
- ❑ Receiving input from the community.
- ❑ Obtaining information regarding the schedule, type, and status of environmental restoration activities.

# Are RABs decision making bodies?

RABs provide highly valuable input to the installation and environmental agencies on environmental restoration decisions, but RABs are not decision making bodies.

*Must an installation follow RAB recommendations? No.*

Decision makers **will listen closely to and consider the input** RAB members provide regarding environmental restoration activities.

**Addressing community concerns is a High Priority.**

# RAB FORMATION PROCESS AND PARTICIPANTS

## RAB Formation and Administration

Camp Grayling - Commanding Officer  
Department of Environment, Energy, and Great Lakes (EGLE)  
State / Local Health Agencies



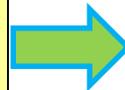
## Selection Panel

Camp Grayling JMTC                      EGLE  
State / Local Health Department  
City of Grayling                      Grayling Township  
Property Owners Associations  
Grayling Business Community Leaders  
Other Local Group(s) with Environmental Concerns



## General Public

RAB meeting are open to the public



## Restoration Advisory Board

Camp Grayling JMTC                      EGLE  
State / Local Health Department  
City of Grayling / Grayling Township  
Business and Community RAB Members



# RAB

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**WHO'S WHO ???**

# Participants

- Camp Grayling Commanding Officer**
- Selection Panel**
- Camp Grayling Co- chair**
- Community Co- chair**
- Community RAB Members**
- Local & State Environmental / Health Oversight Agencies**
- Public**

# Camp Grayling Commanding Officer

- ❑ **Commanding Officer is responsible for establishing a RAB.**
- ❑ **Along with EGLE, solicits and approves Selection Panel.**
- ❑ **Approve RAB operating procedures, based on recommendation of co-chairs.**
- ❑ **Periodically monitors RAB meetings.**
- ❑ **Arbitrate disputes, if necessary.**

# Selection Panel Members

- ❑ Commanding Officer will consult with the regulatory community and key local government officials to form a Selection Panel.
- ❑ Selection Panel members will represent the community's diverse interests.
- ❑ Selection Panel will identify community leaders and representatives as potential RAB Community Members.
- ❑ Selection Panel will evaluate the Community Member Interest forms received to determine the level of interest and diversity among the candidates.
- ❑ Selection Panel develops Community Members nominee list and submits it to CO.
- ❑ Selection Panel generally exists only once-during the creation of a new RAB.

# Camp Grayling Co- chair

- Ensure that Camp Grayling participates in an-open and constructive manner.
- Attend all meetings
- Ensure that the RAB has the opportunity to participate in the restoration decision process.
- Ensure that community issues and concerns related to restoration are addressed when raised.
- Ensure documents distributed to the RAB are also made available to the general public.
- Provide relevant policies/guidance documents to the RAB to enhance the RAB's operation.
- Ensure that adequate administrative support is provided to the RAB.
- Refer issues not related to restoration to appropriate installation official for them to address.
- Report back to the installation.

# Community Co-Chair

- Coordinate with Camp Grayling co-chair and RAB community members to prepare an agenda prior to each RAB meeting.
- Attend all meetings (or notify Alternate RAB member)
- Ensure that community members participate in an open and constructive manner.
- Ensure that community issues and concerns related to restoration are raised.
- Assist with the dissemination of information to the general public.
- Report back to the community.
- Serve without compensation.

# RAB Community Members

- Attend all meetings (or notify Alternate of need to attend).
- Provide advice and comment on restoration issues to the decision makers.
- Represent and communicate community interests and concerns to RAB.
- Act as a conduit for the exchange of information between the community, Camp Grayling, and State/Local environmental/health agencies regarding restoration activities.
- Review, evaluate, and comment on documents/materials related to restoration activities.
- Serve without compensation.

# Local & State Environmental / Health Agencies

- Attend all RAB meetings.
- Serve as an information, referral and resource bank for community.
- Review documents and other materials related to restoration.
- Ensure that state environmental standards and regulations are identified and addressed.
- Assist in education and training for the RAB members.

# General Public

## RAB meetings are open to the public

- Participate in community RAB meetings.
- Follow RAB rules & procedures when at meetings or interacting with RAB members.
- Ask questions to ensure understanding of RAB activities & impact on the community.

# Who can be a Community RAB Member?

- ❑ RABs are made up of individuals from the community who are affected by the installation's environmental restoration activities because they live and/or work in close proximity.
- ❑ No environmental restoration experience is required.
- ❑ A potential member's interest in the community and environment, and commitment to dedicate time to the process are important factors.
- ❑ The Selection Panel will place greater emphasis on the diversity an individual would bring to the RAB, and the individual's expressed commitment toward achieving the RAB's goals, than to experience.
- ❑ Training is provided to RAB members to help explain environmental restoration processes and site-specific issues.

# What Training is provided to New Community RAB Members?

- ❑ Training given during RAB orientation to provide information on what is expected of a RAB and to assist RAB members in gaining an understanding of installation-specific environmental and health issues.
- ❑ Other training will be tailored to site-specific issues and provided as necessary.

# How big can a RAB be?

- ❑ Size is installation-specific.
- ❑ Factors influencing the number of members are the number and diversity of interest groups, the number of issues affecting the surrounding communities, and population of the community.
- ❑ To maintain a constructive dialogue, it is suggested the RAB be no larger than 20-30 individuals, but not so small that diverse interests are not adequately represented.
- ❑ A single RAB member may represent more than one group or interest.

# How does the installation ensure diverse interests are represented and members fairly represent the local community?

- ❑ Selection Panel is made up of community members with varying backgrounds and interests.
- ❑ Selection Panel seeks out potential Community RAB members using methods intended to reach a diverse audience.
- ❑ Diversity determination will be based on: responses on the Community Member Interest forms, involvement in outside community groups and organizations, occupation, interests, and dedication to cleanup progress at the installation.
- ❑ The CO will make the final judgment on the diversity of the candidates. He can reject the entire slate recommended by the Selection Panel based on the lack of diversity, but cannot reject individuals.

# OK, we formed a RAB... Now what?

**Official formation is complete when co-chairs and members have been selected from the community and appropriate government agencies.**

Each RAB develops its own unique set of operating procedures, but the RAB Rule has certain requirements including:

- Develop a Mission Statement
- Provide Training to Members
- Updating the information in the Administrative Record

A RAB's mission statement details the RAB's goals and describes its purpose. It also provides a focus for environmental restoration discussions to help the RAB stay on track during meetings.

# Moving Forward....

**Today:** Public RAB Informational Meeting

**Today:** Soliciting Community Leaders for **Selection Panel**

**June 10:** RAB COMMUNITY INTEREST FORMS DUE (no later than)

**June-** Selection Panel Nominees submitted to Camp Grayling CO

**June-** Selection Panel Member notifications

**June-** RAB Community Member Nominees submitted to Camp Grayling CO

**June-** RAB members selection completed

**June-** RAB Community Member applicant notifications

**June/July-** First RAB meeting



**Camp Grayling  
Joint Maneuver Training Center  
Restoration Advisory Board  
Community Member Interest Form**

**Responsibilities of RAB Community Members**

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members are volunteering to serve a one- to two-year term and attend all RAB meetings. Duties and responsibilities include reviewing and commenting on environmental plans and activities associated with the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) at Camp Grayling JMTC. Technical experts will be made available to the RAB, as needed. RAB Community Members will be expected to be available to community residents and groups to facilitate the exchange of information and/or concerns between the community and the RAB. Priority for selection of RAB Community Members will be given to local residents who are affected by Camp Grayling JMTC activities.

**Application for RAB Community Member**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (Other): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you affiliated with any group related to restoration or base closure activities? If yes, list the group and your position, if applicable.

Briefly state why you would like to participate on the RAB.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your experience working as a member of a diverse group with common goals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms can be brought to the June 5, 2019 RAB Informational Meeting, OR emailed to: Patricia Byrnes Lyman, Investigation Manager, Michigan Army National Guard at [LymanP@Michigan.gov](mailto:LymanP@Michigan.gov)



# Community Member Interest Forms

are available at the back of the room.

If you would like to be considered for a Community RAB Member position please fill out a form and return it tonight.

**COMPLETED FORMS DUE BY: JUNE 10**

Alternatively you can email or regular mail it to:

Email: [LymanP@Michigan.gov](mailto:LymanP@Michigan.gov)

Mailing Address:

Patricia Byrnes Lyman  
 Investigation/Remediation Manager  
 Environmental Section, JFHQ  
 Michigan Army National Guard  
 3423 N MLK Jr BLVD  
 Lansing, MI 48906

# QUESTIONS ???

**NOTE: This presentation will be available on the MPART website in the near future.**

# Contacts

## **Patricia Byrnes Lyman**

PFAS Lead

Michigan Army National Guard

517-481-7631/ 517-275-0804 (c)

LymanP@Michigan.gov

## **Jonathan Edgerly**

Environmental Manager

Michigan Army National Guard

517-481-7630 / 517-599-5644 (c)

Jonathan.w.edgerly.nfg@mail.mil

