

**PUBLIC NOTICE
SOLICITATION FOR INTEREST
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM
AT CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO**

Would you like to learn more about environmental cleanup projects at Cannon Air Force Base?

If yes, then please contact the Restoration Project Manager at 27SOCES.cannon.rpm@us.af.mil to get more information on participating in the startup of a Restoration Advisory Board, also known as a “RAB” no later than July 31, 2023.

- What is a RAB?
 - A RAB is a community group which meets to discuss and receive information on environmental restoration (cleanup) projects at a military base.
 - The Air Force periodically conducts a RAB assessment at installations where a formal RAB does not exist. The assessment will determine if there is sufficient and sustained community interest in forming a RAB for the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) at an installation.
- What does a RAB do?
 - A RAB facilitates and improves communication, outreach, and transparency between the military base, the public, regulators, local governments, and interest groups for issues related to military cleanup activities. RABs offer a structured, focused, and interactive opportunity for community stakeholders to meaningfully participate in the cleanup process. A RAB enables local community members to receive from and exchange information with the base and regulatory agencies managing environmental cleanup projects at Cannon.
 - RABs engage in and support DoD’s cleanup efforts by reviewing and commenting on cleanup documents and activities; serving as a liaison to and sharing cleanup information with the community; and providing a forum to exchange information about the schedule, type, and status of cleanup activities. RAB meetings allow RAB members and members of the community to receive updates and ask questions on the status of the entire environmental cleanup program at Cannon AFB.
 - Though RABs are not a decision-making body, they do give local community members the opportunity to have their voices heard and provide a forum to provide valuable community insight to base and regulatory agencies.
- Current Public Engagements
 - The Air Force and Cannon AFB are currently hosting public engagement meetings to provide PFAS related information. These meetings allow communication, outreach, and transparency between the military base, the public, regulators, local governments, and interest groups for issues related to PFAS. They offer a structured, focused, and interactive opportunity for community stakeholders to meaningfully participate in the cleanup process meetings allow members of the community to receive updates and ask questions on the status of the PFAS investigation at Cannon AFB.
 - If the Installation Commander determines that there is sufficient and sustained interest in forming a RAB, the RAB would replace these public meetings. A RAB would discuss all restoration projects happening on Cannon AFB, but wouldn’t be specific to PFAS.
- Are you interested in participating in Cannon’s RAB?
 - Cannon is currently assessing whether there is enough community interest to reestablish a RAB.
 - If you are interested in learning more about Cannon’s environmental restoration projects, either as a RAB member or by attending RAB meetings, please contact Restoration Project Manager at 27SOCES.cannon.rpm@us.af.mil by July 31, 2023 to indicate interest.