

NAS NORTH ISLAND - NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

CLEANUP

PILOT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (TAPP) PROGRAM

LEAD ACTIVITY

Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island

STATUS

Complete

MISSION

Offer Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) independent technical assistance

REQUIREMENT

RABs have frequently requested independent technical reviews of DoD cleanup program plans and documents. The DoD created the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) program to meet this community need.

DESCRIPTION

In continuing its effort to strengthen the Department of Defense (DoD) environmental cleanup program, partnerships between the DoD and local communities were established. RABs were developed to provide an open forum for the exchange of information on environmental cleanup activities between installation officials, members of the local community, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state, local and tribal governments. Within the RAB program, the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) program was developed. The TAPP program can provide the RABs with resources such as assistance in interpreting scientific and engineering data.



RAB Site Tour

In March 1996, NAS North Island received technical assistance through EPA's Technical Outreach Services for Communities (TOSC) program. As these resources were limited, the NAS North Island RAB sought more comprehensive assistance to deal with a variety of cleanup issues. A RAB Technical Assistance Committee (RABTAC) was formed to assess the technical needs of the RAB and to develop statements of work. In March 1997, NAS North Island began a pilot TAPP project by offering its RAB the opportunity to receive independent technical assistance. In September 1997, four technical assistance contracts, \$22,423 in total, were awarded to independent

consultants by Southwest Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command (SWDIV) using Simplified Acquisition Procedures.

NAS North Island's technical assistance contracts allowed for independent review and analysis of four areas, including (1) an air toxics health risk assessment conducted for a soil vapor extraction cleanup project, (2) an investigation and cleanup project documentation for a former chemical waste disposal area near San Diego Bay, (3) studies and Navy recommendations for shoreline sediments, and (4) radioactive slag contamination along parts of NAS North Island's shoreline.



RAB Meeting

The NAS North Island pilot TAPP project's focus is on demonstrating leadership and improving community acceptance and approval of NAS North Island's environmental cleanup activities. The pilot TAPP also will be beneficial to other RABs that will pursue TAPP projects in the future. Many lessons were learned during the pilot program that can be transferred to other RABs to help pave the way for efficient incorporation of the TAPP process into DoD's environmental cleanup programs.

BENEFITS

- Provides independent technical assistance to the RAB
- Allows community members to play a role in selection of the technical assistance provider
- Improves community understanding, acceptance, and approval of DoD's environmental cleanup activities
- Program provides opportunity to transfer lessons learned to other DoD components and will increase efficiency in future TAPP programs

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/CURRENT STATUS

Date	Activity
MAR 1996	NAS North Island received technical assistance from EPA's TOSC
MAR 1997	Pilot TAPP program started at NAS North Island
APR 1997	RABTAC formed
SEP 1997	Technical assistance contracts awarded in four areas
MAR 1998	Technical assistance providers completed reports and briefings to the RAB
JAN 1999	Export lessons learned, contracts complete

FUTURE PLAN OF ACTION & MILESTONES

Not Applicable

COLLABORATION/TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

The NAS North Island pilot TAPP program is a collaboration of the NAS North Island RAB, NAS North Island, and SWDIV. Lessons learned as part of this pilot project can be applied at other RABs.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 1997.

RELATED GOVERNMENT INTERNET SITES

[Defense Environmental Restoration Program \(DERP\) Report to Congress – RABs](#)
[DoD Environmental Cleanup RAB Website](#)

RELATED NAVY GUIDEBOOK REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable

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