



**NAVAL STATION ROOSEVELT ROADS, CEIBA PR
JUNTA CONSEJERA DE RESTAURACION
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)**



June 8, 1994- MEETING MINUTES

Place of meeting: **Community Center, Ceiba, PR 00735**

Meeting Attendees: **See Attachment 1.**

Meeting Agenda: **See Attachment 2.**

7:20 pm- Meeting was opened by Mrs. Madeline Rivera, Installation Restoration Program manager, Naval Station. She introduced Mr. Sindulfo Castillo, Assistant Director, Environment Engineering Division; Lt. S. Perkins, Director, Environmental Engineering Division; Commander L. Marchette, Head, Public Works Department; PO K. Gaddie, Public Affairs Officer; and Captain Wood, Naval Station Commanding Officer. Following these introductions she presented Mrs. Irma Pedraza, Mayoress of Ceiba. Mrs. Pedraza expressed how honored she felt because the Naval Station was coming to meet with the citizens of Ceiba. She mentioned the solid waste management problems that her town was going through by not having a municipal landfill, and saw this type of meeting as one which could benefit both sides.

Mrs. Rivera presented the agenda and exhorted the attendees to ask questions during the presentation. The slide presentation covered topics about the purpose of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). She said that the Board will serve as a forum for discussion and exchange of information between the Naval Station and the community about environmental restoration issues. The Board provides an opportunity to the community to review and comment on restoration documents. The existing Technical Review Committee (TRC) which included members from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) of Puerto Rico, the Department of Natural Resources and the Navy will be expanded to include community members. The priority for membership will be given to the residents of Ceiba, Naguabo, and Vieques, local environmental groups, local business, and local associations which represent diverse interests. The Board will be chaired by a community co-chair, who will be elected by the community members; and a Navy co-chair. The chairpersons will work together to plan the meetings. Mrs. Rivera discussed the membership application and encouraged those present to complete one and to take a few extra copies to pass to friends.

Following the RAB presentation, Mrs. Rivera summarized the Installation Restoration program. She described each site, its location and future plans for study and restoration.

The slide presentation concluded at approximately 8:15 pm.



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8:15 pm - Meeting was opened for questions. Miss Sofia Pedraza, Public Affairs representative for the municipality of Ceiba, said that she was very impressed by the program, and she wanted to participate because the program was beneficial for both the Navy and the Ceiba community. She also said that the Ceiba community could learn from the Navy's environmental expertise. Miss Pedraza brought up a community concern about Los Machos's beach, which is Navy property leased to the Ceiba township. She said that a contractor was dumping, what looks like sludge material at the beach. Commander Marchette assured Miss Pedraza that the Navy will investigate the problem.

The attendees voiced their satisfaction about working together with the Navy and improving the communication between the two groups.

Meeting Adjourned: **8:30 pm.**

cc: All meeting attendees.



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