

**LAKE ONTARIO ORDNANCE WORKS
QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY
REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (DOD)
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)**

- 1. Will members of the community-based volunteer group, who have vast knowledge of this site be welcomed on a DoD RAB?**

A DoD RAB forum is intended to reflect the diversity of the community. Applications for membership in the DoD RAB would be accepted from any individuals living or working in the area affected by the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Site including those that currently serve on the community-based volunteer group.

- 2. Exactly what changes would take place in the composition and administration of the RAB should this DoD RAB be accepted?**

The Corps cannot and is not dissolving the community-based volunteer group. If a determination is made to establish a DoD RAB, the current community group will be invited to participate. The community group may continue to operate as a separate entity. A DoD RAB for the former LOOW will be led by the Buffalo District Commander through a Corps and a community co-chair. Operating procedures will be established that outline the guidelines for the issues that the DoD RAB may address.

- 3. While not able to be a decision-making body, can a DoD RAB proclaim a particular position that might differ from that of the Corps - what would happen?**

Members of a DoD RAB provide individual input in an open, honest, and constructive manner. A DoD RAB is not a decision-making body and members of a DoD RAB are not required to reach consensus on any positions. The Corps values and considers all input received. Members of a DoD RAB are encouraged to express themselves freely.

- 4. Could experts brought in from the community, be heard?**

Yes. The agenda for a DoD RAB meeting is determined by both the community and the government co-chairs. If there was a community expert that wanted to be placed on the agenda, that would be possible at the agreement of both co-chairs.

- 5. Could membership on the DoD RAB be extended for more than two years?**

Yes. Membership terms and the number of times they can be renewed will be outlined in the DoD RAB operating rules. Two years is the minimum time that a DoD RAB community member could serve. Typically a DoD RAB community member is asked whether they want to continue to participate; and if they desire to do so, their membership is renewed.

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- 6. Why must the Corp approve RAB members that would be representing particular groups - example a representative appointed by the Lew-port Board of Education?**

If an organization is offered a seat on the DoD RAB, the organization appoints their representative not the Corps. The Corps does not approve or reject any individual representatives to the RAB. The Corps approves or rejects the full body of community RAB members as recommended by the selection panel in consultation with the state and EPA, as appropriate. The selection panel will review all applications received from the community and make a recommendation based on the application evaluation criteria that they establish.

- 7. Who will create the selection panel?**

The Buffalo District Commander will create the selection panel. Specifically, the Buffalo District Commander will, in consultation with tribal, state, and local governments and the EPA, as appropriate, identify community interests and then solicit names of individuals who can represent these interests on the selection panel. The selection panel is meant to represent the diversity of the community. A member of the selection panel cannot be considered for membership in the DoD RAB.

- 8. How many people would be on this committee? There are at least 20 people on your structure chart?**

The selection panel would probably be made up of five to seven community members. The panel would meet to determine their DoD RAB applicant evaluation criteria and the administrative products necessary to gather applications from the community. Typically DoD RABs have a total of no more than 30 members.