PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Drum Seeking Interest in Establishing a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

The Department of War (DOW) recognizes the value of community engagement and transparency in environmental stewardship activities conducted under the Installation Restoration Program (IRP). In accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 2705 and applicable DOW and Army policy, the U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC), in coordination with U.S. Army Garrison Fort Drum, invites community members to participate in the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The IRP provides a structured framework for reviewing, monitoring, and, where applicable, addressing environmental conditions associated with historical DOW activities at Fort Drum in New York. The program reflects long-standing regulatory compliance and oversight processes and is not indicative of newly identified environmental concerns.

A Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is a formal, volunteer-based forum designed to support transparency and community dialogue regarding environmental stewardship activities at DOW-owned properties on Fort Drum. The RAB meets periodically to share information, provide community perspectives, and discuss ongoing regulatory oversight processes related to environmental programs.

The RAB may include representatives from the DOW, the USAEC, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), installation leadership, and members of the surrounding community. Participation is voluntary and involves a time commitment, but it offers an opportunity for interested individuals to engage in constructive information exchange with regulators, Army leadership, and other community stakeholders regarding long-standing environmental programs and compliance processes.

Additional information regarding the RAB purpose, membership, and responsibilities is available at:

https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/1994-restoration-advisory-board-implementation-guidelines

and

https://aec.army.mil/Cleanup/Restoration-Advisory-Boards/

Community members interested in volunteering and serving on a Fort Drum RAB, or who would like additional information, are asked to contact:

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