

FORMER LOWRY BOMBING & GUNNERY RANGE

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (TAPP) REPORT TO THE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

PROGRESS REPORT

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■ PROJECT TASKS

- TASK 1 – ATTEND RAB MEETINGS
- TASK 2 – INDEPENDENT REVIEW ACTIVITIES
 - GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATIONS
 - WIDE AREA ASSESSMENT (WAA) FIELD VERIFICATIONS
 - RECOVERED CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIAL (RCWM) INVESTIGATIONS (JEEP/DEMO RANGE)
 - AOC PRIORITIZATION SCORING/FACILITATION
 - BT5 FPRI INVESTIGATION & CLEARANCE
- TASK 3 – BRIEFINGS AND PRESENTATIONS
- TASK 4 – PREPARE PROGRESS REPORTS
- TASK 5 – PROJECT ADMINISTRATION



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- **INDEPENDENT REVIEW ACTIVITIES**


- **Facilitation Activity Subtask:**

- Develop a *draft* invitation/recruitment letter to promote additional community participation on the FLBGR Restoration Advisory Board**



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- Letter language drafted and sent for review to Jerry Hodgson and Shaw
- Language given minor edits and contact person changed to Lisa Stahl at Shaw
- Copy of draft letter in the handout; (also emailed to RAB members)



Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range
Arapahoe County, Colorado

March XX, 2007

Community Members and Neighbors
of the Former Lowry Bombing & Gunnery Range
Arapahoe County, Colorado

Dear Community Members and Neighbors:

This letter is an invitation to become involved with the Former Lowry Bombing & Gunnery Range (FLBGR) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The FLBGR RAB is composed of community members **residing in vicinity of or affected by the FLBGR**, regulators, stakeholders, and Federal, State, and **Local** agency representatives.

This RAB serves as the primary forum for public, regulatory, and government agency information exchange and input into the investigation, clearance, characterization, and restoration of the FLBGR. Portions of the FLBGR served as munitions training areas for over 40 years. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its contractors have been conducting investigation, characterization, and clearance activities for over 10 years to remove unexploded ordnance (UXO) and munitions debris from 13 Areas of Concern (AOCs). These AOCs consist of known bombing targets, impact areas, and demolition sites and real progress is being made to complete clearance operations at all 13 AOCs. For more information about project activities, visit the FLBGR web site at <http://www.flbgr.org>

The pace of building and land development adjacent to and within FLBGR has created an increasing number of new residential neighbors. We believe it to be essential that neighboring community members and stakeholders be aware of the presence of potential UXO and the ongoing efforts to reduce risk, have a regular forum to voice their concerns, and provide input into the restoration process. Community participation on the FLBGR RAB is important to ensure that the restoration work is performed in a cooperative, open, and transparent manner.

We encourage you to apply as community representatives to serve on the FLBGR RAB. Service is completely voluntary. The Board meets on the third Wednesday evening of every other month. You may apply to serve on the Board by submitting a letter or email of interest, by April 30, 2007 to:

Ms. Lisa Stahl, Community Involvement Specialist
Shaw Environmental, Inc.
9201 E. Dry Creek Road
Centennial, CO 80112
303-741-7349
lisa.stahl@shawgrp.com


We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your participation.

Regards,
Jerry Hodgson
Restoration Advisory Board Co-Chair



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- Letter language modified for use in a notice format for posting
- Notice is written as a invitation for community members to join the RAB
- Copy of draft notice in the handout; (also emailed to RAB members)



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Proposed approach to encourage and recruit additional community participation on the RAB:

- **Solicit input and comments from the RAB on the community outreach draft letter and notice**
- **Incorporate RAB input and comments on letter and notice**
- **Jerry Hodgson (or designee) will need to sign the finalized letter and notice**



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➤ **Targeted mailing of the letter to:**

- 1. Homeowner Associations (7 HOAs)**
- 2. FLBGR adjacent Metro District contacts (21)**
- 3. Individuals identified by RAB members**
- 4. Landowners on the FLBGR (~110)**
- 5. Lessees on State Land Board lands**
- 6. Others as may be later identified**

(approximately 140-150 letters total mailing)



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➤ **Targeted posting of the notice at:**

- 1. Newspaper ads in *Aurora Sentinel* and *I-70 Scout***
- 2. Local post office(s) and libraries**
- 3. Granges, feedstores, local businesses**
- 4. Community centers, meeting halls**
- 5. Community college public notice boards**
- 6. Other locations as may be later identified**

(approximately 20 locations)



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- **Community responses to the outreach letter and notice will be due to Lisa Stahl at Shaw by April 30, 2007. Shaw will compile the responses received and provide to TAPP consultant (Keith Wegner) for evaluation and delivery to the RAB.**
- **RAB discussion and comment on the proposed approach to the mailings and postings**



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Proposed approach to evaluating responses and selecting community candidates:

- **Formation of an *ad hoc* RAB subcommittee to review responses, interview and evaluate candidates, and nominate a slate of potential community candidates for RAB membership (to be voted on by the RAB)**
- ***Draft* selection criteria have been developed to assist the review committee in the process**



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- **Draft** selection criteria have been submitted for review and comment to Jerry Hodgson, Jeff Swanson, Bonnie Rader
- Copy of the *draft* criteria are included in the handout
- *Ad hoc* selection committee would adopt as the primary selection criteria tool



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**FLBGR RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)
CANDIDATE SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. What is your interest in/relationship to the FLBGR site? (Resident of the FLBGR community, residing in, owning land on or adjoining, participating in activities conducted on or adjoining) or representing a community-based, non-commercial organization (e.g., residential homeowner association representative).
2. Interest in and reason for applying to participate on the FLBGR RAB.
3. Prior experience in community service, volunteerism, community groups, non-profit associations, etc.
4. Technical, academic, vocational, military, or other training and/or experience that would be useful to, or helpful with, serving on the RAB.
5. Available time commitment to RAB service.
6. Have you had previous experience with government-sponsored restoration or environmental programs (effectiveness, responsiveness, etc.) What are your thoughts/perceptions on those programs you know about?
7. Please explain why you (the applicant) believe you would be an effective RAB member.

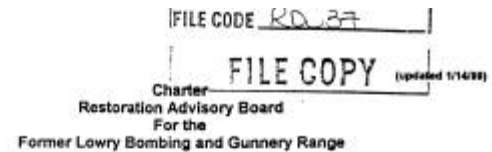
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- **A slate of nominees would be recommended to the RAB by the selection committee for the May or July RAB meeting, depending on progress.**
- **RAB discussion and comment on the proposed approach to selecting new RAB members**



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- The RAB charter was last updated and revised 01-14-1999
- Copy was emailed to RAB and is included in the handout
- Several items from the Charter are proposed for discussion



- I. Name: This organization shall be known as the Restoration Advisory Board (the Board) for the former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range. The board will fulfill all requirements of 10 USC Section 2705 (c) for Technical Review Committees at the U.S. Department of Defense installations; Section 326 (a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995; and the Department of Defense and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Restoration Advisory Board Implementation Guidelines.
- II. Purpose and Function of the Board
- A. The purpose of this Board is to provide a vehicle for involving the public in the environmental restoration decision-making process with respect to the former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range (the Range.) To this end, this Board shall provide a forum to solicit input from stakeholders and impacted citizens, to disseminate information to such parties, identify issues concerning the restoration of the Range, recommend action and monitor the performance of such action to restore the Range.
 - B. The Board will facilitate communication with government agencies involved in the restoration and disseminate information to stakeholders and impacted citizens about the investigation and location of possible contaminants and ordnance, the restoration process and various opinions about the restoration process.
 - C. The Board will address important issues relate to restoration, such as the scope of studies, cleanup levels, waste management, and remedial action, review and evaluate documents associated with restoration activities, such as plans and technical reports, identify restoration projects to be accomplished in the next fiscal year and beyond, and recommend priorities among sites or projects.
 - D. The Board will conduct regular meetings that are open to the public and scheduled at convenient times and locations to provide an opportunity for comment on actions and proposed activities taken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other involved government agencies under the site restoration program and to facilitate regulatory agency and public participation consistent with applicable laws.
 - E. The Board serves in an advisory capacity to the federal, state, and local government agencies involved in the range restoration as applicable.
- III. Membership
- The membership of the Board shall consist of the members listed on Exhibit A. These members shall be divided into two classes: "Government members" defined as those appointed representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environmental and "community members" defined as all other members. However, the community members of the Board may increase or decrease the number of community members on the Board by a majority vote of the community members at a meeting at which a quorum is present. No such decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of a serving member and no increase will enlarge the Board beyond a total of 20 community members. Community members shall serve without salary or other compensation for services.



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Charter items for discussion:

- Whether now would be a good time to remove RAB members who no longer participate
- If there is a quantity goal for new at-large RAB members
- Whether the co-chair position should be re-affirmed on an annual basis



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- **Voting requirements for new members and co-chair; who should vote or not (USACE and CDPHE members) and how many votes are required**
- **Whether the voting process (after agreement) should be formalized in the Charter**
- **Whether a RAB *ad hoc* subcommittee should be formed to look at the Charter, consider these questions, and make recommendations to the RAB for later discussion**



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- **BUDGET PERFORMANCE [W9128F-05-P-0304]:**

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