



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers ®**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NIKE PR-79 MISSILE BATTERY  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITE  
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD ASSESSMENT**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is required to assess community interest in forming a restoration advisory board (RAB) at Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) every 2 years. USACE is investigating the former NIKE PR-79 Missile Battery, located in Foster, Rhode Island, under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for FUDS. The site was established in 1957 and was used by the U.S. Army as part of the NIKE Missile Defense System. USACE is issuing this notice to assess public interest at this site and determine whether the formation of a restoration advisory board is appropriate.

A RAB is one of many methods USACE may use to facilitate public participation. Regardless of whether a RAB is formed, USACE will continue to involve the community in accordance with FUDS regulations. The RAB provides a collaborative forum for the community, government agencies, tribes, and property owners to discuss and identify the most efficient and productive means to restore the environment. A RAB should be established when there is sufficient and sustained community interest, and any of the following criteria are met:

- 1) The closure of an installation involves the transfer of a property to the community;
- 2) At least 50 citizens petition the installation for the creation of a RAB;
- 3) Federal, state, tribal, or local government representatives request the formation of a RAB; or
- 4) The USACE determines the need for a RAB based on community responses to a solicitation for input, correspondence, media coverage, and other relevant information that show that there is sufficient and sustained community interest in the establishment and operation of a RAB.

The former NIKE PR-79 Missile Battery comprised 60 acres and consisted of launch, control, and housing areas. The U.S. Government acquired the site in 1955. The U.S. Army operated it from 1957 to 1960 and the National Guard operated the site from 1960 until 1963, when it was closed. The Foster School District currently owns the control area, which is the focus of active USACE investigations. The objective of the ongoing Remedial Investigation is to characterize environmental impacts to soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediment. The Remedial Investigation will determine the nature and extent of the site contamination.

The USACE-New England District welcomes public feedback regarding community interest in establishing a RAB for the former NIKE PR-79 Missile Battery. Inquiries or questions should be submitted within 30 days of this notice via email to [NAERABFile@usace.army.mil](mailto:NAERABFile@usace.army.mil) or via mail to USACE c/o HydroGeoLogic, Inc., 340 East Palm Lane, Suite A240, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. Within 60 days from publication of this notice, USACE will make a determination on whether a RAB will be formed. Individuals that express interest will be notified via email or U.S. mail of the USACE's determination.

An Information Repository, which documents the rationale for all remedial action decisions, is maintained and is accessible to the community at the Foster Public Library, located at 184 Howard Hill Road in Foster, Rhode Island.