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##### **DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**

## AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEER CENTER

# JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO LACKLAND TEXAS

**2025 Laughlin Air Force Base**

**Community Involvement Plan Questionnaire**

Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB) believes the active, meaningful involvement of community members is critical to the success of the environmental restoration program. This questionnaire is an opportunity for you to tell us how well we are doing at listening to your concerns about ongoing environmental restoration and cleanup efforts at the installation.

The Air Force invites you to participate in our community questionnaire on the restoration and monitoring program at Laughlin AFB. Please take a few moments to answer the questions as your views are crucial to the program and will help us to be more responsible to the community’s needs and interests. Responses will be used to update the Community Involvement Plan and participant names will not be attributed.

If you wish to speak directly with an agency official, please contact one of the following:

* Air Force: Jason Smith [jason.smith.230@us.af.mil](mailto:jason.smith.230@us.af.mil)
* Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Rachel Vander Nat, [Rachel.Vandernat@Tceq.Texas.Gov](mailto:Rachel.Vandernat@Tceq.Texas.Gov)

Forms can also be emailed to [amainella@lata.com](mailto:amainella@lata.com) or hard copies can be mailed to:

LATA

ATTN: Alexa Mainella

2800 Corporate Exchange Drive, Suite 250

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The questionnaire can also be accessed and submitted electronically through the following link and QR code:

<https://forms.fillout.com/t/ci3hQjoykGus>

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Submissions must be received no later than 08 September 2025.

Community members are invited to attend the Community Involvement Meeting on **12 November 2025,** at **5:00pm** in the **Val Verde Library, 300 Spring Street, Del Rio, TX 78840.**

**Laughlin AFB would also like to know if you are interested in participating in a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).**

If you are interested, then please contact Mr. Jason Smith at [jason.smith.230@us.af.mil](mailto:jason.smith.230@us.af.mil) to get more information on participating in a RAB, should one be established.

• What is a RAB?

* A RAB is a community group that meets to discuss and receive information solely on environmental restoration (cleanup) projects at a military base. RAB members determine how frequently the group should meet.

• What does a RAB do?

* A RAB facilitates and improves communication, outreach, and transparency between the military base, the public, regulators, local governments, and interest groups for issues related to military cleanup activities. RABs offer a structured, focused, and interactive opportunity for community stakeholders to meaningfully participate in the cleanup process. A RAB enables local community members to exchange information with the base and regulatory agencies managing environmental cleanup projects.
* RABs engage in and support the Department of Defense’s cleanup efforts by reviewing and commenting on cleanup documents and activities; serving as a liaison to and sharing cleanup information with the community; and providing a forum to exchange information about the schedule, type, and status of cleanup activities. RAB meetings allow RAB members and members of the community to receive updates and ask questions on the status of environmental cleanup programs at military bases.
* Though RABs are not a decision-making body, they do give local community members the opportunity to have their voices heard and provide a forum to provide valuable community insight to base and regulatory agencies.

For more information regarding the environmental activities at Laughlin AFB, please visit the following:

* The US Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC) CERCLA Administrative Record Search website provides a means to search and review public documents regarding environmental testing and sampling conducted at Air Force installations in compliance with the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). These documents form the basis for environmental response actions and demonstrate the public’s opportunity to participate in and comment on the selection of the response action. AFCEC continuously updates the Administrative Record for each installation until the remedy selection documentation is complete. <https://ar.cce.af.mil/>
* Information on the Air Force response to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) can be found at:

<https://www.afcec.af.mil/What-We-Do/Environment/Per-and-Polyfluoroalkl-Substances/>