DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ALASKA DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 6898
JBER, AK 99506-0898

July 14, 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

You are receiving this survey as someone who was identified as having an interest in the Knik Arm Area Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). The purpose of this survey, sent on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Alaska District (USACE-AK), is to gauge community interest in a potential Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) in your area. Your answers will help the USACE-AK get a better picture of what is important to you, and your community.

The two FUDS properties being assessed in the Knik Arm area are the Nike Site Bay and Susitna Gunnery Range property.

The Nike Site Bay property is located on the hills north of Goose Bay, approximately 12 miles across the Knik Arm, due north of Elmendorf Air Force Base at Anchorage. The site was used by the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force in support of an anti-aircraft missile system. The property is currently owned by the University of Alaska, the Mental Health Trust, and the Department of Natural Resources. Several removal actions have been conducted at this site and a remedial investigation at the missile launch control area is being conducted during the summer of 2021.

The Susitna Gunnery Range property is located across the Knik Arm from Anchorage, Alaska. The 86,570-acre site was used by the Army as an impact area and safety zone for training anti-aircraft artillery troop in firing long-range weapons. The FUDS property boundary encompasses land owned by many different public and private landowners. USACE-AK is implementing Land Use Controls on a portion of the property that was the subject of a Remedial Investigation in 2011. USACE-AK has requested funding to conduct a remedial investigation for the remaining property.

The USACE-AK is committed to protecting community health and the environment and to improving public safety by cleaning up environmental contamination on properties formerly used for military purposes. Periodically, as part of the FUDS process, the USACE-AK evaluates the community's interest in forming a local Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The purpose of a RAB is to provide the government with input from the community about the environmental restoration work that the government will be performing in the Knik Arm Area FUDS. A RAB usually consists of about 5-10 members. Community members function in a voluntary capacity for a 2-year term, and they represent local interests within the community. As a part of the public outreach program, the RAB performs the following activities:

- Represent all community and stakeholder interests in cleanup of eligible sites.
- Participate in up to three RAB meetings per year, which are held locally to resolve issues and solicit input on the proposed cleanup strategies.
- Review and provide written comments about key technical reports and work plans for proposed cleanup actions.

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- Act as liaison among the USACE-AK, state and federal regulatory agencies, other agencies, Native corporations, and other community members to facilitate open and active communications.
- Provide feedback to members of the USACE-AK, regulatory agencies, and other agencies about the interests and concerns of the community.
- Report back to the community about the outcome of each RAB meeting.

The USACE-AK would like your input on whether there is interest in establishing a RAB for either or both of the Knik Arm Area FUDS.

Please complete the attached survey and mail your response to:

RAB Assessment Team
c/o Li Philips
HDR
2525 C Street, Suite 500
Anchorage, AK 99503-2633

Alternatively, your responses may be emailed to Li Philips at Li.Philips@hdrinc.com. Thank you for your participation.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about the Knik Arm Area FUDS properties, please call the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, Office of Public Affairs (907-753-2522 or e-mail Public.Affairs3@usace.army.mil). Thank you for your interest in the FUDS program.

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Knik Arm Area Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

Properties: Nike Site Bay and Susitna Gunnery Range

Letter of Interest Survey Questions

Please Respond by August 2, 2021

1. Are you interested in establishing a RAB in your community? If yes, which properties are you interested in establishing a RAB for?

2. Are you interested in participating in a RAB as an active member?

3. Would you be prepared for the time commitment that would be needed to be a RAB member (including participation at one to three meetings per year)?

4. Are you representing any group or organization?

5. What goal do you wish to reach by being a member of the RAB?

6. Do you have any suggestions about how the USACE-AK can improve their current public outreach efforts for these Formerly Used Defense Sites?