



# THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

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## ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD COVER SHEET

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MEETING MINUTES  
Restoration Advisory Board  
August 17, 1995  
Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, Commander's Conference Room

The August Restoration Advisory Board Meeting was held on August 17, 1995, at the Defense Depot Memphis, Tennessee (DDMT) in the Commander's Conference Room. The attendance list is attached.

Ms. Christine Kartman opened the meeting by welcoming the RAB members and members of the community and giving them an overview of the agenda for the meeting.

**Old Business**

**State Health Department Study—**

The RAB submitted a letter to Bonnie Bashor in May requesting a health study, however there has been no response to this request. Mr. English stated that ATSDR is in the process of working on some type of survey pertaining to the cancer issue. Mr. English said he would check with Ms. Bashor to see if the letter was received and what the current survey entails. The RAB would like a response on this issue even if it is negative.

The ATSDR in Atlanta is doing an initial survey. DDMT received a copy however, it is not even considered to be a draft form. ATSDR will have a suitable draft of the public health assessment ready by the September RAB meeting. We would like to have them give a formal presentation to the RAB at the next meeting. Mr. Smith suggested possibly providing RAB members with a copy of the document before the next meeting. We will try to provide the draft to the RAB a week ahead of the next RAB meeting. Mr. Jeff Kellum of ATSDR has authored the document and would probably be the best one to make the presentation.

Mr. Gray asked about Ms. Bashor's information. It may help us determine the validity of the health study that is being done by ATSDR. The two different studies should be independent yet they should correlate with the same types of information. Mr. English will check into getting any preliminary information Ms. Bashor may have to compare with the presentation Mr. Kellum will give at the meeting in September.

Currently the ATSDR public health assessment is considered to be in draft form. They would like the RAB to review and provide comments before making the final report next month.

**Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Update —**

We will be updating information on the BRAC process at each meeting. Lt. Col. W. Michael Aven, the Base Transition Coordinator (BTC), will work as a liaison between the Depot and the community. As part of BRAC the government wants to work to achieve reuse the property as quickly as possible to energize the community and create new jobs where jobs have been lost. DDMT is on a two year track for closure, by September of 1997 we will be expected to close the property. This means employees will be transitioned to other jobs and the commission stock that is currently housed will be moved to other Depots. The environmental aspects of closure may well continue beyond September 1997 in order to make the land usable to the city. The goal is to make the property a usable economic base for Memphis to create new jobs.

Lt Col Aven had his first meeting with the city of Memphis and there has been paperwork completed and sent to Washington for grant money to start the planning process. The Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA), whose members have not yet been named, but will be approved by the city and county mayors, will be the redevelopment committee to formulate the plan for the use of the Depot property.

Lt. Col. Aven will be working with businesses to show them what facilities the property would have to offer and encourage their companies to locate here. The property must be cleaned before any business can use it. There will be a BRAC cleanup team and plan that will go beyond what is currently being done. The intent of the reuse committee is to clean the property up for its intended purpose. The RAB will be involved in this process and will work with Lt. Col. Aven to keep informed about the developments of the reuse committee. The responsibilities of the RAB are going to become more involved as the process continues.

There are provisions to lease portions of property at the Depot prior to the time the entire piece is turned over to Memphis. This could mean there may be interim leasing occurring while we are still in the process of moving stock out and transitioning. Therefore, just because a business may be leasing an area does not mean the environmental work is going to stop in that location.

### New Business

#### Project Update/Overview of Field Work--

Mr. Novitzki presented the current restoration schedule. The current target date is to have the first three workplans in the repositories by 1 September. Plans for Operable Units 2, 3 and 4 should be out by 1 October. Screening Sites and Operable Unit 1 documents should be available by 20 October 1995. This means the documents are available for review as well as to use them to get services contracted to start field work. Field Work scheduling includes background sampling. This is off-site sampling within the community of soil, sediment and surface water to see what is "normal" in the city of Memphis. This information will help in determining what is "clean". The locations include school yards, public parks, neighborhoods, and a golf course. The samples will be taken from the first 12 inches of soil.

Mr. Gray suggested the need to possibly take a sample from an area north and east of the Depot, in the area of the Kellogg plant. Mr. Novitzki noted that a soil sample could be taken from a well location that is in this area.

Most of the existing monitoring wells are within the boundaries of the Depot. The proposed monitoring wells are mainly off-site locations and are not yet absolute. We will need permission from property owners to do work at all of these locations. In the Rozelle area directly west of Dunn Field, we already know there is some contamination of the ground water from previous sampling. Additional wells will be put in to gather more information about ground water in this area.

The purpose of proposed sediment samples is to find out if any of the ditches have received contamination in the past. The sediment samples will probably be deeper than soil samples, but depth will be determined on a case by case basis. Again sediment samples will also be gathered from off-site locations to establish what is "normal" as background comparison just as in the soil sampling.

We have not received written permission for sampling at all of these different off-site locations, however verbal permission has been given by the city, the parks commission and the Board of Education. We will be contacting the few locations where private property is involved soon to ask for permission to perform sampling on their property.

Additionally, there will be more sediment sample locations tested near Rozelle Street in three ditches that flow off of Dunn Field. Any notification that RAB members can provide to property owners in this area to let them know the Corps of Engineers will be contacting them will be most helpful.

The off-site sampling target date is 25 September to begin this work. Target date for Off-site Ground Water Monitoring Wells is early November 1995, but realistically may not occur until 4 March 1996. This will involve some key contract issues that will impact when contracts will be in place to do work on off-site ground water monitoring wells, as well as permission from property owners. Weather and availability

of the right drill company can also impact this schedule. The main installation soil sampling target date is 4 March 1996. Please discuss these issues with your neighbors and community groups. Mr. Novitzki is willing to come and present this information and answer questions to any interested group.

The Draft of the Record of Decision (ROD) for Interim Remedial Action of the Ground Water at Dunn Field (OU-1) at the Defense Depot Memphis, Tennessee was provided to the RAB. This is the proposed action to contain the contaminated plume. We solicited comments on this action at the public hearing held in December at Dunn Road Elementary. This Record of Decision will be developed into the final plan. This work will probably not be started until 1996. The ROD is basically the same as the proposal with public comments incorporated.

The public will be notified of the soil and sediment sampling and monitoring well installation with flyers, public notices, press releases and people going door to door. The people in the general area of sampling will also be informed as to these activities. The RAB members can also help in spreading the word regarding these activities.

#### Public Comment Period—

Future RAB meeting dates will be decided upon at each meeting. Attendance will be reviewed at the next meeting. Reminders will be sent out to help members concerning future meetings. We will discuss attendance at the next meeting regarding who needs to receive letters for possible replacements.

The Depot has received a letter from EPA Region 4 on Environmental Justice. Tiki Whitfield has provided us with information about demographics around the Depot. We will ask Tiki to make a presentation at the October RAB meeting. We will send you a copy of this information next month for you to review before the October meeting.

The next RAB meeting will be held on September 21, 1995.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

### Restoration Advisory Board Members

Ms. Christine Kartman  
Mr. Jordan English

Ms. Taryn Harrison for Ms. Janet Hooks  
Mr. Carter Gray

Mr. Larry Smith

Ms. Cheryl Sessions  
Mr. James Webb  
Ms. Veronica Smith  
Mr. John Garrison  
Mr. Mondell Williams  
Ms. Johnnie Mae Peters

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(MSCHD) and Mayor's Office  
Mid-South Peace and Justice Center  
(Community Co-Chair)  
Memphis City Mayor's Office  
Memphis Light Gas and Water  
Citizen Representative  
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### Others in Attendance

Lt. Col. Mike Aven  
Mr. Frank Novitzki  
Mr. George Dunn  
Ms. Judy Kruger  
Maj. Peter Hill  
Msg. Joe Cromartie  
Mr. Terry Templeton

Ms. Sue Estes

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### Absent:

Ms. Karen Blanks  
Ms. Martha Berry  
Mr. Eugene Brayon  
Mr. James Goines  
Ms. Barbara Johnson  
Dr. Cleo Kirk  
Ms. Barbara Sonnenburg  
Mr. Ulysses Truitt  
Ms. Willie Mae Willett

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Environmental Protection Agency  
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