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Site cleared by Army ordnance specialists team at the former Memphis Depot environmental cleanup site

Memphis, Tenn. – Two buried metal casings found during site excavations were declared harmless by a team of ordnance specialists from the Army's 22nd Chemical Battalion, Gadsden, Ala. The team determined that an uncrushed metal casing was empty and did not pose any threat to the environment, workers or any person. The second casing was crushed and was declared scrap metal, suitable for disposal with other non-hazardous debris at the site.

As part of the ongoing environmental cleanup program at the former Memphis Depot, soil excavations were underway at Dunn Field on Thursday, December 13, when the two metal casings were found, one crushed and the other uncrushed. It was not immediately apparent if the uncrushed casing was empty, a sand-filled practice bomb, or live ordnance. Work was suspended and the site was cleared and secured as a precaution. Local police and fire departments were notified and monitored the situation. After the casings were found harmless, the Memphis Police Department Bomb Squad removed the uncrushed casing from Dunn Field.

An engineering firm under contract to the Defense Logistics Agency is handling excavation at the former Memphis Depot.

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