



THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD COVER SHEET

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MEETING MINUTES
Restoration Advisory Board
October 19, 1995

Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, Commander's Conference Room

The October Restoration Advisory Board Meeting was held on October 19, 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. At this time Ms. Kartman introduced Ms. Cynthia Buchanan, who is working with the Local Redevelopment Authority and Mr. Mike Dobbs who is with Defense Logistics Agency, East Region.

Old Business

Attendance Letters--

An attendance letter was sent to Barbara Johnson requesting that she attend this meeting or notify us of her status. Since she did not attend this meeting or call, the RAB voted to replace her at the next meeting.

New Business

Environmental Justice Study--

Ms. Kartman introduced Tiki Whitfield EPA's Community Relations Coordinator to provide further information on EPA's Strategy on Environmental Justice.

Ms. Whitfield: On February 11, 1994, President Clinton issued Executive Order 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," and accompanying Presidential memorandum, to focus Federal attention on the environmental and human health conditions of minority communities and low-income communities. The Executive Order, as amended, directs Federal agencies to develop, by March 24, 1995 an Environmental Justice Strategy that identifies and addresses disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority population and low-income populations.

EPA is looking at all of their agency programs with the goal of ensuring that minority and low income groups do not incur a disproportionately share of high and adverse human health/environmental effects normally associated with modern industrial

activities. EPA is planning on taking a leadership role with other Federal agencies as an advocate of environmental justice.

The information that was sent to you includes maps and other sources of information should be useful tools to you to assist you with knowing where minorities and low income communities exist around the Depot. EPA expects to see more RABs in the future especially at NPL and BRAC sites and we are planning on supporting these types of groups actively in the future. Since you already have a RAB you are ahead of most facilities at this time. We hope to continue to work with you in the future and I have provided a questionnaire for your use if you would like further information.

Ms. Kartman: Thank you Tiki, I would like to know how we should address Environmental Justice at the Depot?

Ms. Whitfield: I would say that you have already addressed some of the requirements by forming this RAB, but also you will need to provide information about Environmental Justice in your revised Community Relations Plan. If you need more information me contact me or our Environmental Justice Coordinator.

Project Update--

At this time I would like to turn the meeting over to Frank Novitzki to update us on Project Management.

Mr. Novitzki then showed a video about soil, sediment and water sampling that took place during the week of October 8, 1995.

Mr. Novitzki said the sampling went very well and that we expect to have the results by the next RAB meeting. He also introduced photos that were taken of the sampling.

Public Comment Period--

Ms. Doris Bradshaw expressed her concern about the recent testing and told the RAB about her neighborhood group that is meeting at Norris Elementary next Tuesday to discuss her concerns.

Ms. Kartman told her we would be glad to meet with her group and discuss their concerns and try to bring her up to date on our progress. Ms. Walker from Janet Hooks office also explained that we are working together to plan a town meeting in January. 25

Author of Public Health Assessment
Since there was no further business the RAB discussed the next meeting and voted to wait until January, 1996 to have the next meeting. This meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Commander's Conference Room at the Depot on January 26, 1995.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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