Tri-State Defender

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

INTENT TO REISSUE A CORRECTIVE ACTION PERMIT

Date:

September 21, 2004

Time: Location:

6:30 p.m. (Central) South Memphis Senior Citizens Center

1620 Marjorie St., Memphis, TN

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) will conduct a public hearing on September 21, 2004, to receive comment on TDEC's proposal to reissue a permit for corrective action to the U.S. Department of Army, owner of the former Defense Depot Memphis Tennessee (DDMT), and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), the permit operator. The permit will include conditions for continuation of corrective action of solid waste management units and areas of concern.

The hazardous waste storage permit for the former DDMT (Installation I.D. Number TN4 21 002 0570) was originally issued jointly by TDEC and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on September 28, 1990. The permitted storage unit was never constructed and that portion of the permit was terminated on October 22, 1998. However, the corrective action portion of the permit remained in effect, including the requirement to reapply.

On March 31, 2004, the DLA submitted an application to TDEC to renew the corrective action permit. (TDEC has received full authority, in lieu of EPA, to regulate corrective action.)

The draft permit identifies known solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs) at the former DDMT. The owner and operator (permittee) shall be required to investigate any releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents pursuant to this permit, regardless of the time at which waste was placed in a unit, and to take appropriate corrective action for any such releases. The DLA, EPA and TDEC entered into a Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), effective March 6, 1995, to conduct investigation and implement appropriate response actions at the former DDMT as necessary to protect the public health and the environment. In accordance with the FFA, all corrective action under this permit is deferred to, and being performed under, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process.

