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CWM REMOVAL PROJECT COMPLETED:

Environmental cleanup continues at Dunn Field

With the chemical warfare material (CWM) removal project now completed, the Memphis Depot environmental team is moving forward with the next steps to restore Dunn Field for productive reuse.

Depot staff and contractors involved in the CWM cleanup highlighted the final steps of the project at an open house for the media in May. Their presentation, which was also given at the May Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting, also focused on other activities that are now taking place to complete the investigation and cleanup of the soil and groundwater on Dunn Field.

During the presentation, Clyde Hunt, the Depot's Remedial Project Manager, described the CWM Transportation and Disposal Plan for all excavated soils and materials that was approved by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT). Based on this plan, all CWM-related materials were removed from the site to approved waste management facilities outside the state of Tennessee. The BCT includes representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).

"We're already moving forward with the next phases of the environmental cleanup at Dunn Field, as required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)," said Hunt. "According

to CERCLA, each phase must be completed and approved by the BCT before the next phase can begin. This is the same process we followed for the cleanup of the Main Installation."

- The Remedial Investigation (RI) will provide the BCT with an in-depth scientific analysis of the environmental conditions at Dunn Field and the potential risks to human health and the environment. This information will be used by the BCT to identify areas on Dunn Field that require cleanup. The RI is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2001 and will be placed in the Depot's Information Repositories (IR) for public review.

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UPCOMING RAB MEETINGS

The RAB includes community members who review proposed plans and actions and provide input on the environmental cleanup activities.

**The next
RAB meeting is
Thursday, July 19
at 6 p.m.**

The meeting will be held at Sanders Facilities, 2600 Elvis Presley Boulevard. The presentation will feature an update on the groundwater cleanup program. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information call (901) 544-0613.



John DeBack (left), Base Transition Coordinator at the Memphis Depot, presents RAB Community Co-Chair Mondell Williams with a signed certificate and a numbered coin in recognition of Mr. Williams' service as RAB Community Co-Chair. A certificate and coin were also given to former Community Co-Chair Kevin Clay.

CWM REMOVAL PROJECT COMPLETED:

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- The Feasibility Study (FS) will evaluate different cleanup alternatives for soil and groundwater at Dunn Field and will also evaluate if alternatives will be protective of human health and the environment. The FS is scheduled for completion in the winter of 2001, and the completed report will be placed in the IRs for review.
- The Proposed Plan (PP) for Dunn Field will present the BCT's preferred cleanup alternatives for soil and groundwater at Dunn Field. The PP is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2002. The completed report will be placed in the IRs for review, and a public comment period will be scheduled.
- The next phase is the Record of Decision (ROD) for Dunn Field, which documents the public's comments on the PP and the selected cleanup alternatives. The ROD is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2002.

Once the ROD is signed by the Environmental Protection Agency, the final CERCLA phases will begin. The final phases are the Remedial Design, which details how the selected cleanup alternatives will be applied, and the Remedial Action, which includes construction and performance of the selected cleanup alternatives.

For more information on the cleanup activities planned for Dunn Field, please contact the Memphis Depot's Community Relations Office at (901) 544-0613 or by email at comrel@ddc.dla.mil.

New Location for RAB meetings

Sanders Facilities has been selected as the new location for the remaining Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meetings in 2001.

"We made a commitment to hold more of our RAB meetings off-site," said Alma Black Moore, Community Relations Specialist for the Depot. "We chose Sanders Facilities because of its convenient location within the Depot community."

Sanders Facilities is a minority owned business that began in 1988 and has earned several awards including the 1991 Memphis Black Business Association Most Outstanding New Business and the 1993 Memphis Business Journal-Business of the Year Award.

The next two RAB meetings are scheduled for July 19 and August 16, 2001 beginning at 6 p.m. Sanders Facilities is located at 2600 Elvis Presley Boulevard. For more information on RAB meetings, or directions to Sanders Facilities, call the Memphis Depot's Community Relations Office at (901) 544-0613.

Second Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) Completed

Parcel of Depot property available for transfer to the City

The Memphis Depot has reached another important milestone in the reuse of the Main Installation (MI), now known as the Memphis Depot Business Park.

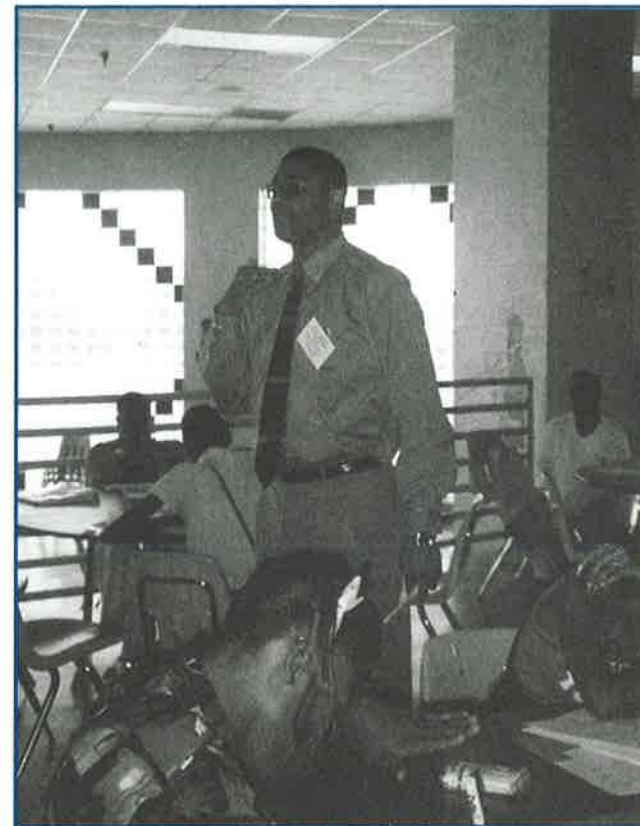
The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and the Department of the Army held a 30-day public comment period from June 1 to June 30, 2001, for its second Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST). This report is part of the Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) process and is required to transfer the ownership of Depot property to the City of Memphis for community redevelopment.

The first FOST, a 6.5-acre area known as the family housing area, was finalized last year. FOST 2 includes 15.55 acres of the MI. The area includes seven buildings, the open land area and the two paved parking lots surrounding the Administration Building (Building 144). A FOST report includes a detailed investigation of the historic uses of the area, as well as any environmental issues and cleanup remedies that may have been required. FOST 2 concludes that the former administrative areas are suitable for transfer to the City in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

"This is a significant milestone for the Depot," said Clyde Hunt, Remedial Project Manager at the Depot. "The transfer of this parcel of land to the Depot Redevelopment Corporation will allow the Memphis Police Department to build a new Southeast Precinct on the property. A positive impact for our community."

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) reviewed FOST 2. The report was then placed in the Depot's four Information Repositories, and the public was invited to review it and comment. Once public comments have been incorporated, the final FOST 2 report will be sent to the Army Materiel Command for approval and signature.

For more information on FOST 2, contact the Memphis Depot's Community Relations Office at (901) 544-0613 or by email at comrel@ddc.dla.mil.



Clyde Hunt, the Memphis Depot's Remedial Program Manager, spoke with Veda Turner's science students at Booker T. Washington High School in May. Students learned about various cleanup projects at the Memphis Depot.

New in the Information Repositories

The Depot's Information Repositories are updated regularly with technical reports and documents related to the ongoing cleanup of Dunn Field and the Main Installation, including minutes from Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) and Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT) meetings.

Below is a list of documents that have been added to the IRs recently:

- Technical Memorandum SA.01—Data Collection Plan for Long-Term Operational Areas (LTOAs), Main Installation, Memphis Depot, June 5, 2001 CH2M Hill
- Finding of Suitability to Transfer #2 (Parcels 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8) For public review and comment, Memphis Depot Caretaker, May 2001.
- Location of MDRA and BRAC Parcels (map), May 2001
- Annual Operation and Maintenance Summary Report for Year 2000 Groundwater Interim Remedial Action, Dunn Field, Memphis Defense Depot, Tennessee, Mobile District Corps of Engineers and Jacobs Engineering Group. January 29, 2001.

A complete list of documents that have been added to the IRs since the cleanup program began is located on our website at <http://www.ddc.dla.mil/memphis/Docs/IR%20documents.htm>.

RAB Member Profile:

Betty Mills-Bates

Former Depot employee joins RAB

Betty Mills-Bates began attending Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meetings in 1995, before the Depot officially closed in 1997. As a Depot employee for 24 years, Mills-Bates says she was looking for answers to questions she and other employees had about the environmental conditions at the Depot.

Mills-Bates is also actively involved on several committees that have been formed by other agencies to address the health questions of former employees. She speaks regularly with former Depot employees and assists in directing them to the proper agencies for information.

Mills-Bates said she decided to apply for a position on the RAB in 2000 in order to provide input on behalf of former Depot employees into the ongoing environmental cleanup program.

A mother of two adult children and recently married to Carnell Bates, Mills-Bates is an active member of Berean Missionary Baptist Church on Raines Road.

"I know that God is a just God, and that He will give me the strength to continue to work for the concerns of former employees of the Depot," said Mills-Bates. □

