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tial," said Virginia Dunaway, executive director of the Women's Foundation.

The Women's Foundation was started last year to encourage philanthropy among women and to support programs serving women and chil-

supporting organization
Community Foundat
Greater Memphis.

To register for the workshop, call Dunaway at 821-4922 or Fra Jordan or Sandra Tolbert at the Community Foundation at 761-3806.

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Depot's soil tested again for pollution

By Tom Charlier
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A new round of sampling begins around the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis this week as officials try to assess the extent of underground chemical contamination.

The depot will be taking another soil boring and installing 18 to 23 groundwater-monitoring wells on the facility and in neighboring areas. The testing, which will include the drilling of a soil boring today in the parking lot of Dunn Elementary, is slated to be finished by the end of February. The work is part of an ongoing investigation of contamination problems at the 642-acre depot, which is slated to close in 1997.

Environmental studies in recent years have turned up contaminants in the uppermost groundwater aquifer beneath and near the depot and in soil and surface water on the facility.

Officials believe the groundwater contaminants are traceable to a site on the northern portion of the depot that was used as a disposal area from 1954 through about 1970. Wastes ranging from herbicides to acids to chemical-war-

fare training kits were buried there, according to government reports.

Christine Kartman, chief of the environmental protection and safety office for the depot, said that in the current testing, crews will be adding to the column of wells situated along a north-south line just west of the depot. Previous studies have shown contaminants flowing in that direction.

The new wells should show how far contaminants have migrated off the depot property, Kartman said. Five wells will be drilled in addition to the 18 already planned if officials still aren't able to identify the outermost extent of the chemical plume, she said.

So far, the depot investigation has not produced any confirmed findings of contamination in the Memphis Sand, the deep-lying aquifer that supplies the city's drinking water, she said. The testing should cause little or no inconvenience to neighbors of the depot, Kartman said.

In the fall, technicians took soil samples from areas surrounding the depot — the data from which will be used to establish cleanup standards for the base.

Ark. high court to review entire Echols murder case

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — The Arkansas Supreme Court Monday granted a request by death row inmate Damien Echols that it review every aspect of his case rather than only points of guilt or innocence he raised in an earlier appeal.

Last summer, Echols filed a motion requesting the court to consider only limited points of his appeal — leaving out the arguments involving the death penalty.

The court sent the original matters back to the trial court

to determine whether Echols was competent to make the appeal and whether he was advised of its consequences by a lawyer.

He later filed a motion to withdraw that request "and asks us to proceed with the full appeal," the high court said.

The high court also said it would go along with a request from the Attorney General's Office that the case remain with the trial court for a determination of Echols's competency.

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