

**Defense Logistics Agency
MEMPHIS DEPOT
PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
Re: Removal of Surface Soil Containing Lead at the Former Pistol Range on Dunn Field
Agenda**

**Thursday, August 15, 2002, 6:00 p.m.
South Memphis Senior Citizens Center
Memphis, Tennessee**

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| Welcome and Introductions | 1 min. | Ms. Alma Moore Community Relations Specialist The Memphis Depot |
| Presentation | 20 min. | Mr. David Nelson CH2M Hill |
| Introduction of Facilitator | 1 min. | Ms. Alma Moore |
| Public Comment Period | | Mr. Clyde E. Hunt, Jr. Remedial Program Manager The Memphis Depot |

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PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING MINUTES

The Memphis Depot

South Memphis Senior Citizen's Center

1620 Marjorie Street

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The Memphis Depot Public Comment Meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on August 15, 2002, at the South Memphis Senior Citizen's Center located at 1620 Marjorie, Memphis, Tennessee. The attendance list is attached.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

1 MS. MOORE: Good evening. Can I have everyone's attention, please. We are
2 about to get started with our public comment meeting regarding the
3 removal of surface soil containing lead at the former pistol range
4 on Dunn Field. I trust that you have an agenda that we have
5 provided for you, as well as a copy of the presentation. And if you
6 do not have this quick reference fact sheet, we have some available
7 for you entitled "Conducting non-time-critical removal actions
8 under CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response,
9 Compensation, and Liability Act)." We have that handout for you
10 as well, so, you need to get that. Adrienne will be handing one out
11 to you and she's coming up with some now.

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13 My name is Alma Moore, and I'm the community relations
14 specialist here at the Memphis Depot. Well, not here, but over at

1 the Memphis Depot. I work for Frontline Communications, and
2 we are here today to allow the public an opportunity to provide
3 public comments regarding the removal of the surface soil
4 containing lead at the former pistol range on Dunn Field.

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6 We would like to thank the community members who are present
7 here today, and we have an agenda to follow. I would like to
8 introduce to you some people who are present that you may not
9 know.

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11 MS. MOORE: We have Clyde Hunt, who is the Remedial Program Manager at
12 the Memphis Depot. We have Mike Dobbs here from DDC, John
13 DeBack, the Base Transition Coordinator at the Memphis Depot,
14 Turpin Ballard, regulator from EPA (Environmental Protection
15 Agency), Jim Morrison, our regulator from the Tennessee
16 Department of Environment and Conservation, Bruce Railey,
17 Program Manager, who is with the Corps of Engineers in
18 Huntsville, Trevor Diggins from Frontline and Adrienne Hill with
19 Frontline.

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21 And, of course, we have a court reporter here. We ask that all --
22 that the presenters speak slowly and any public comments, when
23 we get to that period, if you will please speak slowly.

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25 I just want to run over the process. We've had public comment
26 meetings before. It is not an opportunity to allow for answers to
27 questions. We are here to provide the information from the BCT
28 (Base Cleanup Team) regarding a cleanup alternative, to ask for
29 points of clarification and to provide an opportunity for the public
30 to comment.

1 The comments will be provided in a Responsiveness Summary.
2 That will be available in the Depot's three Information Repositories
3 located at the Memphis Depot, the Memphis/Shelby County Health
4 Department and the Cherokee Branch Library.
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6 **PRESENTATION:**
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8 MS. MOORE: First I would like to introduce our presenter from CH2M Hill,
9 David Nelson. David Nelson is a professional geologist who was
10 trained at the University of Georgia. He's worked in the CERCLA
11 process for eight years. He's been a project manager for CH2M
12 Hill for two years. He's married, and he's the father of a two and a
13 half month old daughter. Her name is Georgia. David has been at
14 Depot meetings before with Steve Offner.
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16 Steve is out of town, and David Nelson will present to us for the
17 first time. So, please give David Nelson your attention as he
18 makes the presentation, and there will be points of clarification
19 after the presentation. Thank you.
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21 MR. NELSON: All right, thank you, Alma. Our presentation tonight is regarding
22 Site 60 on Dunn Field, also known as the former pistol range. We
23 are going to be discussing an Engineering Evaluation Cost
24 Analysis (EE/CA) of Site 60.
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26 Presentation overview: basically what is an EE/CA? Why do we
27 need this EE/CA? The EE/CA process: we're also going to look at
28 a site location map of Site 60.
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30 We'll discuss the removal action objectives, describe the preferred
31 cleanup alternative for Site 60, describe the schedule of activities

1 and also describe how the community can be involved and how to
2 submit public comments.

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4 What is an EE/CA? The EE/CA is known as an Engineering
5 Evaluation Cost Analysis or, as it says there, the acronym is
6 EE/CA. The EE/CA basically describes environmental conditions
7 of an area, in this case, Site 60 in the Northeast Open Area of Dunn
8 Field.

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10 The EE/CA provides a recommended cleanup alternative. The
11 EE/CA goes through and describes alternatives, and after
12 describing each one and the methods, as well as costs associated
13 with that, it selects or recommends which is the preferred
14 alternative.

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16 MR. NELSON: The EE/CA is part of a non-time-critical or early removal action.
17 This is in the CERCLA guidance for removal actions. There are
18 three types. The Site 60 one happens to fall under a non-time-
19 critical, and in this case is in advance of the Dunn Field Proposed
20 Plan. Currently, Dunn Field is in the Feasibility Study phase. The
21 next step would be the Proposed Plan. As I said, the EE/CA comes
22 from a CERCLA guidance. The requirements for an EE/CA are
23 under CERCLA, as well as the NCP (National Contingency Plan).

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25 So, why is an EE/CA necessary? Well, the Dunn Field Risk
26 Assessment, which is part of the Remedial Investigation which was
27 finalized in July of this year, concluded that the surface soil in the
28 Northeast Open Area, is safe for residential recreation, basically,
29 for an unrestricted use, except for the former Site 60 or the former
30 pistol range known as Site 60.

1 One sample out of the six that were collected in this area did not
2 meet the criteria -- the screening criteria for lead, which basically
3 meant that that site would not be available for unrestricted use.
4 The BCT, after reviewing the Risk Assessment, recommended that
5 the soil containing lead be removed so that the unrestricted use of
6 the site could proceed. This was based on their findings or the
7 finding in the Risk Assessment as well as the RI.

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9 The EE/CA process is made up of nine steps, and we're now in
10 step five. These are the first four steps (Indicating) which we've
11 already moved through. Step five is the public comment period,
12 which is what we're in now. The public comment period began on
13 July 25th and will end next Friday, not tomorrow, but a week from
14 tomorrow.

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16 MR. NELSON: The public meeting is tonight, and the EE/CA is available, as Alma
17 mentioned, in the Depot's Information Repositories.

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19 Following the public comment period, an Action Memorandum
20 will be produced. This Action Memorandum, basically, outlines
21 the removal plan for Site 60. The Action Memorandum includes a
22 Responsiveness Summary, which is basically an answer to any
23 comments that were received on the EE/CA from the public.

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25 The Removal Action implementation will follow the Action
26 Memorandum. This implementation basically describes what is
27 going to happen at Site 60 as far as any remedial activities.
28 Steps eight and nine are the EE/CA process, the Removal Site
29 Closeout. Once the EE/CA or once the Removal Action has been
30 completed, any remaining activities such as, in this case, surface
31 regrading and seeding of the excavation areas will take place.

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2 And then, finally, the step nine is Post Removal Site Control. The
3 only site control necessary for Site 60 will be just the Removal
4 Action report. All material will be removed, and the site will be
5 available for unrestricted use.
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7 This is an aerial photograph of Dunn Field. As you can see in the
8 left-hand portion of that square, there's a forested area. That's the
9 old bullet stop area of the pistol range. To the right, kind of near
10 the arrow, is the firing range where everyone stood to shoot their
11 guns, over to the left in this case (Indicating).
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13 MR. NELSON: This is the Northeast Open Area of Dunn Field. There is a road at
14 the top of Dunn Field, and that is Person Avenue. And then Hays
15 Road is to the right of Dunn Field there (Indicating). So, the
16 removal action objectives in this case are to ensure ongoing
17 protection of the environment and the community. We also want
18 to restore the soil to safe conditions for future unrestricted use, and
19 while doing this, of course, comply with all federal, state and local
20 requirements and minimize the volume of materials that have to be
21 removed from the site.
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23 The removal action should also be, and in this case is, utilizing the
24 most efficient and cost effective cleanup. The way that was done
25 was to look at what has been done -- what has gone on at the Depot
26 before in similar EE/CA activities. And, in this case, we have the
27 experiences learned from Sites 35 and 28 on the Main Installation
28 as well as Building 949 on the Main Installation - similar
29 contaminants, surface soil contaminants and removing those -- or
30 conducted using what's known as dig-and-haul. That's the slang
31 term for excavation and removal.

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2 One of the removal action objectives, of course, is to minimize any
3 long-term maintenance or monitoring requirements. Well, in this
4 case, once the soil is excavated, there are no long-term
5 requirements necessary because anything that would have created a
6 hazard would be removed.

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8 The BCT recommended, after reviewing the objectives for the
9 removal action, that the surface soil -- does not meet the risk-based
10 screening criteria to be removed. And in this -- once this is
11 completed, the alternative would meet the objectives as we
12 described earlier - technically feasible, cost is reasonable and
13 acceptable, and would meet the risk-based cleanup criteria.

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15 MR. NELSON: The removal action steps are very common for a dig-and-haul
16 project. As I said, they were used on Sites 35 and 28 and were
17 used again on Building 949. These include, for Site 60,
18 specifically, clear and removal of the trees that have grown up over
19 the years since the facility hasn't been used.

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21 There are sites -- excuse me. There are areas A through G that are
22 going to be cleaned up in this former Site 60 area. Area C, which
23 is the former bullet stop area, will have 24 inches of soil removed,
24 the thinking being that the bullets would travel into the dirt further
25 there. In all the other areas we will remove up to 12 inches of soil.

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27 Also, there is a building associated with the firing range and some
28 other target posts and other debris that will be removed as well.
29 Confirmatory sampling or confirmation sampling will take place in
30 all the excavated pits as well as walls, just to make sure that the
31 lead that's above the criteria will be removed.

1 After the excavations, after confirmation is returned that the
2 excavations are clean, so to speak, the slopes will be graded and
3 excavated areas will be replaced with clean backfill.

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5 Engineering controls would be executed to minimize any dust
6 generation as well as manage any storm water that is generated.
7 Another engineering control would be -- that's usually taken in
8 these projects is to use dust covers on trucks that will be removing
9 the soil from the site, using water basically to spray down the
10 excavated areas and also the soil once it's removed from
11 excavation. There are various methods, and they will all be
12 employed to make sure dust is not generated and storm water
13 doesn't leave the site. And, finally, any of the soil that is excavated
14 will be transported and disposed of at licensed facilities.

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16 MR. NELSON: Scheduled activities: During the summer of 2002 the Site 60
17 EE/CA document has been developed and is available, as Alma
18 said, in the Information Repositories. The public comment period
19 we are now in. The public comment meeting is tonight.

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21 During the fall of 2002, the Site 60 Action Memorandum will be
22 developed, which includes a Responsiveness Summary to any
23 public comments. The Removal Action Work Plan will be
24 developed, and the removal action at Site 60 will take place. I
25 think that based on previous experience in removal actions, it will
26 probably take about one month to complete.

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28 In the winter of 2002 any remaining activities will be completed,
29 and the Removal Action Report will be developed. Community
30 involvement in this case involves a public comment period, as I
31 stated earlier. It is now in progress. We started on July 25th and

1 will be completed on August 23rd. The EE/CA is available at
2 these repository locations (Indicating).

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4 The Responsiveness Summary in the Action Memorandum, which
5 will follow the public comment period, is also going to be
6 available in the Information Repositories. Information is provided
7 in the EnviroNews newsletter for the Memphis Depot. A Removal
8 Action Report will be available also in the Information
9 Repositories, as well as reference material. In this case, there is
10 the guidance document called "The guidance on conducting non-
11 time-critical removal actions under CERCLA." As Alma
12 mentioned, there is a quick fact sheet on that document available
13 tonight.

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15 And if you would like to submit any public comments, that can be
16 done in writing, mail, fax or email or you can call Clyde Hunt at
17 the phone number listed above. If you would prefer to mail them,
18 his address is there. The phone and fax number is provided, and
19 his email address is listed at the bottom of the slide here
20 (Indicating). And, actually, I think that's the last slide. So that is
21 the end of the presentation.

22 MS. MOORE: Are there any points of clarification from any community
23 members? Do you need any points of clarification? Not any public
24 comments? If you would come to the microphone and state your
25 name, and we'll be glad to clarify.

26 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay, a couple of points of clarification here. First of all, you said
27 that Site 60 is the only restricted area. Am I right? All right, point
28 of clarification: Are we saying that everything else over in Dunn
29 Field is all right? Because you're saying 60 is the only area that we
30 have to deal with at the present time. So, once we do that,
31 everything is A-okay. That's a point of clarification.

1 MR. NELSON: Site 60 is the only area in the Northeast Open Area of Dunn Field
2 that requires this action. The EE/CA covers Site 60.

3 MR. WILLIAMS: You missed the point.

4 MR. HUNT: Okay, just to provide some clarity to your question. This evening
5 we're addressing only the Northeast portion of Dunn Field, which
6 is Site 60.

7 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, I understand but ---

8 MR. HUNT: We're not addressing anything else.

9 MR. WILLIAMS: I understand, but in here he said -- somewhere in here -- I didn't
10 just put a mark on it, but somewhere he said in here that that was
11 the only restricted area. So, that's the reason I brought that up. He
12 said that was the only restricted area, and once that was done, then
13 there would be no other restricted area. That's the reason I brought
14 it up. Point of clarification.

15 MS. MOORE: Anymore points of clarification? (Brief pause.)

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17 **INTRODUCTION OF FACILITATOR**

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19 MS. MOORE: With that, I'll introduce you to the facilitator for this evening,
20 who is no stranger to us. Mr. Clyde Hunt, Jr. came to us over two
21 years ago as CWM (Chemical Warfare Materiel) on-site
22 coordinator. Clyde is from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and
23 reports here in Memphis. Clyde has a bachelor's degree from the
24 University of Memphis in civil engineering, and he's from
25 Covington, Tennessee, and he holds a master's degree in
26 engineering management from Christian Brothers University.
27 Clyde is married to Norma, his wife, and they have two children,
28 Clyde, III and Christina.

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30 With that, I'll bring you the remedial program manager here at the
31 Depot who will explain the process for the public comment

1 meeting. He will provide the information needed prior to your
2 comments.

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4 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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6 MR. HUNT: Thank you, Alma. Good evening everyone. This is the public
7 comment period for the removal of surface soil containing lead at
8 the former pistol range on Dunn Field. There are a couple of things
9 that we would like to cover before you start your comments.

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11 The public comment period is for the collection of comments on
12 the cleanup alternatives presented in the Engineering Evaluation
13 and Cost Analysis, which we refer to as the EE/CA. It describes
14 the environmental condition of the former pistol range and
15 provides cleanup alternatives.

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17 The EE/CA for this project has been available for public review at
18 the Depot's three Information Repositories that are located at the
19 Memphis Depot, the Cherokee Branch Library and the Memphis/
20 Shelby County Health Department since July 25, 2002.

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22 David Nelson, our presenter from CH2M Hill on this evening,
23 made a presentation and provided time for clarification of the
24 proposed cleanup alternatives. If you require further clarification
25 on the presentation, the Depot, the Environmental Protection
26 Agency and the Tennessee Department of Environment and
27 Conservation and the Depot's contractor will be available after this
28 meeting to talk with you.

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30 The public comment period began July 25, 2002, and it will end on
31 August 23, 2002. There are several ways to comment during this

1 30-day public comment period. You may voice your comments
2 tonight. A transcriptionist is here tonight to record your
3 comments. You may send written comments to my attention,
4 Clyde E. Hunt, Remedial Program Manager at the Memphis Depot,
5 2163 Airways Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee, 38114 or you may
6 fax your comments to me at (901) 544-0638 or you may call me
7 with your comments at (901) 544-0617.

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9 Responses to comments received during this public comment
10 period for the removal of surface soil containing lead at the former
11 pistol range on Dunn Field will be provided in a Responsiveness
12 Summary that will be a part of the Action Memorandum
13 documenting the selected cleanup alternative.

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15 MR. HUNT:

The Action Memorandum will be in the Information Repositories
16 and available to the public once it is signed this fall. If you signed
17 in tonight at the table near the entrance and requested to receive a
18 copy of the Action Memorandum, one will be mailed to you once
19 the Action Memorandum has been signed.

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21 Now, with that said, we invite you to come to the standing
22 microphone to my right, to your left, and make comments, if you
23 would like, on the proposed cleanup alternatives. I ask that you
24 make comments and not ask questions that you need addressed
25 tonight.

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27 Remember that we will provide answers to your comments in the
28 Responsiveness Summary. Please state your name before you
29 begin your comments, and speak clearly so that the transcriptionist
30 can accurately record your comments. Please deal specifically
31 with the cleanup alternatives presented in the EE/CA relating to the

1 removal of surface soil containing lead at the former pistol range
2 on Dunn Field.

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4 I would like to open the mike for comments. We welcome you at
5 this time.

6 MR. WILLIAMS: Mondell Williams. A little earlier you stated about managing the
7 storm drains and the runoff of the water from Site 60. My thing is
8 during previous presentations we discussed runoffs coming to that
9 area. So, have we solved the problem of the runoffs that's coming
10 from other private lots that's running onto this area? Since, at one
11 time it was discussed that the contamination was not part of the
12 area that's being taken care of. It was that other private properties
13 had water or had the contamination flow coming from another
14 piece of property onto this property. And I was just wondering
15 will that be contained as well when we contain or manage the
16 storm drains and the soils to keep it from blowing when we remove
17 it from the Dunn Field Site 60.

18 MR. HUNT: Thank you for your comment.

19 MS. DORIS BRADSHAW: I'm Doris Bradshaw, president of the Defense Depot
20 Memphis, Tennessee Concerned Citizens. I know that you are
21 trying to focus on Site 60, but I don't know what you're going to
22 focus on the whole Dunn Field, period. And I know that you want
23 us to maintain our comments just for Site 60, but you know I work
24 on both sides of the line. Because I'm going to talk about the
25 whole area. Because this is my concern.

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27 Lead is a dangerous element that is in the earth on Dunn Field. I'm
28 wondering if DLA, the Defense Logistic Agency, is going to do a
29 sloppy cleanup like they did with the mustard gas soil when they
30 laid it out in the open with just open parts and the wind hit this

1 dust, and when they came and got the dirt on trucks that was not
2 contained.

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4 I want to know if you're going to use containment tents in the
5 process of the cleanup, and how are you going to protect the kids
6 from just any molecule of lead? Because our body is already over
7 burdened with all types of chemicals in that area.

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9 MS. DORIS BRADSHAW: Now, you want to focus on one chemical. I'm wondering
10 about all the other chemicals that lies around in that area. Why are
11 you trying to get rid of just the lead? I know I wasn't here for the
12 presentation, but I read the material that you sent out. I want to
13 know that -- I want to be reassured that the children in that area is
14 going to be protected from any cleanup of lead or any other type of
15 chemical. And how are you going to do that?

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17 Now, you said you didn't want to address any questions tonight,
18 but I want these questions answered before I say yeah or nay that
19 this is okay. And I think that our community would feel secure if
20 they know that this is not going to be another sloppy cleanup.

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22 I read also in that little pamphlet where Jan Reitman got an award
23 for some little old stuff that DLA has been doing as far as the
24 Brownfields section, but I want you to know that none of these
25 communities throughout the country that is dealing with DLA, the
26 Defense Logistic Agency, is not happy with these cleanups. And I
27 feel like that's just -- that's not a good thing, to make people
28 believe that something is going on so well, and it's not.

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30 Because you don't see the bad side in the newsletters. Like one
31 side of the information that you sent us everything is all rosy and

1 good, and we have had problems after problems with the mustard
2 gas soil. We had problems after problems with the dieldrin
3 cleanup, and now even -- I don't even know if you cleaned up the
4 metal buildings that was over there that you was supposed to
5 sandblast. I don't even know if you all even thought to look at
6 what is happening while you're doing the cleanup.
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8 MS. D. BRADSHAW: The first time you put a shovel in Dunn Field, five people on one
9 street died. I don't know if it came from Dunn Field or what. It
10 was birds that died over in that area. DLA never did address these
11 issues. Now they're going to expose the children again to dirty
12 lead, and knowing that black youth, black children, black boys,
13 period, can't stand the body burden of lead period. They act worse
14 than any other child. They react in school. They have all types of
15 learning disorders from lead.
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17 And I want to know are you going to put a containment tent over
18 this stuff while you're doing it or what are you going to do? Then I
19 would be satisfied.
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21 And I feel like when you do these announcements, we have told
22 people over and over -- Alma, I'm not going to attack how you get
23 the message out, but I have been asking around to see if people got
24 the announcements at the church. Because I know that's one of the
25 things that you normally do is send out the flyers and stuff. But
26 make sure of that when this is happening. I think that we need 30
27 more days, maybe 90 days for people -- it takes y'all years to get
28 this information together, and then you're going to give the
29 community 30 days to read this mess after it took you two or three
30 years to put a packet together and then tell us to "Look over this.

1 You've got 30 days to remember this or understand this language,"
2 and then expect us to talk intelligently on the matter.

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4 Now, it's not just DLA. It's all the government agencies. When
5 you prepare all these different materials, the community needs just
6 as long as it took you to write it. And I think that would be fair,
7 that we have just as much time as it took you to write it for us to
8 look over this material. And, believe me, I'm asking for 90 more
9 days so that we can dissect this material so that we can understand
10 what this is about, and we call the community meeting on our own.
11 Because you calling the community meeting, it's not going to
12 work. It never has worked, and I don't know what's going through
13 your mind. I guess you don't want it to work when we say it
14 doesn't matter. Because that's how I feel. Because you keep
15 continuing to do the same thing over and over. Thank you.

16 MR. HUNT: Thank you for your comment. Just as a reminder to everyone, our
17 public comment period began on July 25, 2002 and it will end on
18 August 23, 2002 and there are several ways to provide your
19 comments. You may either provide your comment on this evening
20 or you can write it to me or fax or call.

21 MS. MARQUITA BRADSHAW: My name is Marquita Bradshaw, and I know the
22 effects of lead as far as children. I know several day cares around
23 that site, not only just the children, but the adults that live in close
24 proximity of that site.

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26 I understand that this would be the same process, basically, that
27 was used before in cleaning up the mustard gas. I want to make a
28 comment on some of the health affects that have been seen within
29 the community. We have had -- as soon as any type of excavation
30 of any type of materials are moved from the Depot, we see it in the
31 community instantaneously through people that are already sick

1 because their body -- their resistance levels are already low, and so
2 it wipes out many people in the community at a time. And you can
3 see the effects on the streets, and the ambulance and the police
4 department. Because once -- you know, once somebody calls 911
5 because they are dead, you see the pattern on the streets.

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7 MS. M. BRADSHAW: And the ambulances and the fire departments become frequent in
8 our neighborhood when these excavations happen. And we begin
9 to see the pattern that's set forth each and every time you start to
10 dig at Dunn Field or anywhere else over there, any type of
11 excavation. Whether it's to put new power lines or anything on that
12 site, it causes havoc on human life. Among the living some of the
13 health affects from the excavation of dirt over there has caused,
14 between just my friends, within real close proximity, maybe
15 walking distance, like across the street wise, as far as the women's
16 health affects is excessive bleeding every time any type of -- with
17 the DLA and the mustard gas, excessive bleeding, and with the
18 lead, also. I'm sure it's going to attack the reproductive system just
19 as the other things before, not only the mental affect that is has on
20 the children. Because you cannot reverse the process of the brain
21 damage associated with lead.

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23 And I brought this up when we first started talking about lead
24 removal. I had the opportunity to be present at that meeting, and I
25 asked will the children's health be -- and he assured me that it
26 would be some type of containment.

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28 The containment that you have used before has not worked, and we
29 cannot afford to do that again. Because the human life toll has just
30 gotten too far. And people shouldn't have to live each and every
31 day afraid about what's going on over there on that Depot, when

1 somebody is trying to restore it and give the land over to somebody
2 else.

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4 And there's 290 other chemicals that no one has ever talked about
5 besides the three chemicals that you're removing, and the
6 byproducts from those chemicals and how they affect human life.
7 It's just not lead over there in that dirt. Have you even thought
8 about the workers that would be coming over there who the work
9 would be contracted out, where people are not in HAZMAT suits
10 that come over there and risk their lives, and they are trying to
11 provide for their children, and they may not go home?

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13 And for this process to go on, you have to reassure us that this
14 process will be done correctly. And the community needs to be
15 evacuated. Those schools do not need to be in operation when this
16 happens. Because we cannot afford for any mistakes to happen.
17 And with y'all's law, anything that will go wrong will absolutely go
18 wrong, in my own terms, it will happen. Thank you very much.
19 You need to assure the community that nothing else will happen to
20 our health and our lives.

21 MR. HUNT: Thank you for your comment. Any comment that you have on this
22 evening, we ask that you deal specifically with the cleanup
23 alternative that's presented in the EE/CA relating to the removal of
24 soil containing lead at the former pistol range on Dunn Field.
25 Do you have anymore comments?

26 MS. BROWN: Ms. Joy Brown. I'm 53 years old, and if anybody is familiar with
27 Father Bertrand High School, it's called Sandusky High School
28 now. I went all the way through high school at Father Bertrand,
29 and I graduated in 1967. And Father Bertrand is not – it's up near
30 Hamilton, which is not too far from the Army Depot and the
31 problems that you're talking about.

1 When we grew up, it was an area over near the Depot that had
2 tents on top of it with bombs up under there. And when I was a
3 teenager, we were not allowed to go in that area because our
4 parents said that it was a lot of people leaving hexes and things like
5 that. And they just said that it was a lot of people dying over there
6 from cancer and all kinds of things.

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8 MS. BROWN: At the time, we didn't know about the chemicals in that area. It's
9 been there since World War II, and there's no way that you're
10 going to be able to clean lead or that gas or whatever is out of there
11 in ten years or twenty years. After every year that that stuff has
12 been over there, I would put about maybe 50 years into one of
13 those chemicals, and we're still not going to have the land back.

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15 And as far as mother earth is concerned, I'm not worried about
16 mother earth. She takes care of herself. She will take care of
17 herself. It's the people that are running these things over there
18 that's messing it up. What about the people that worked at the
19 Army Depot? Have y'all ever asked about how many people died
20 of cancer? I know three of them. One of them is a neighbor of
21 mine, and he was sick for years.

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23 And what about the people that live around there or the people that
24 went to school there who have moved to Timbuktu? And they died
25 from certain cancers and stuff. I have five children, two adopted
26 and three birth children. Neither one of my birth children will be
27 able to have children. So that tells me I'm dead. When my last
28 child dies, I'm gone. My husband is gone.

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30 Now, back and forth, it's all about money. We all know that's what
31 it is, and it's like this: You're not going to do anything about it.

1 You're going to patch it up like putting a Band-Aid on a three-inch
2 wound that's in your throat. It's not going to do any good.

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4 Now, we're all on one side or another. Nobody is straddling the
5 fence. What we both need to do is straddle the fence. We'll never
6 be able to get rid of those chemicals over there, but try to do
7 something about it now. Because that child who is brain damaged
8 or the person that can't have children or whatever, you don't know
9 what these people will do to you, to me, to anybody. It's going to
10 affect us all.

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12 MS. BROWN: What about the people that worked at the Army Depot? It was just
13 as many white folk over there as was black folks. Y'all dying, too.
14 And black folk is like weeds. We can grow anywhere.

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16 I'm telling you right now, you better do something about this. I
17 don't know all the big words and all the stuff and everything that
18 y'all know, and some people here look mighty, mighty bored.
19 Some people think it's funny. Some people are here for the money.
20 Some people are here for the real thing, to try to do something
21 about this. Because this is affecting all of us.

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23 People that lived in the state of Washington, have never been to
24 Memphis in their life, it's affecting them. It's affecting them. So
25 we better get busy and start doing something, trying not to make
26 money off all of this, do something, clean it up. Like my grandma
27 said, we should have nipped it in bud, but it's too late now. It's
28 going to take us two, three four hundred years to clean that
29 doggone place up, and that's the gospel truth, and y'all better think
30 about this. That's all I've got to say.

31 MR. HUNT: Thank you for your comment.

1 MS. BROWN: Uh-huh.

2 MR. HUNT: Responses to your comments this evening are recorded by our
3 transcriptionist who is here tonight. Those responses received
4 during this public comment period, which is once again, from July
5 25, 2002 through August 23, 2002 will be documented and
6 provided in a Responsiveness Summary that will be a part of the
7 Action Memorandum documenting the cleanup alternative.
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9 If you signed in tonight at the table that's near the entrance and
10 requested a copy of the Action Memorandum, one will be mailed
11 to you once the Action Memorandum has been signed.

12 MS. DORIS BRADSHAW: Could I ask you something? Could I ask you something?

13 MR. HUNT: You can provide any comment that you have.

14 MR. WILLIAMS: I would like to make another comment. In Site 60 -- excuse me.
15 My name is Mondell Williams, the Community RAB co-chair. My
16 question is -- or my statement is: During the process of Site 60
17 where the excavation will be done, my question is how far has the
18 water penetrated the soil, and what has been the effects of the
19 water with the Memphis Sand, the aquifer? Has the runoff or has
20 the water penetrated the soil enough to contaminate the aquifers
21 and how do we look toward fresh drinking water or the crack in the
22 clay aquifer? Is it anywhere near Site 60? And, basically, what
23 affects has it had on the Memphis Sand?

24 MR. HUNT: Thank you for your comment.

25 MS. DORIS BRADSHAW: I didn't know I could come back up.

26 MR. HUNT: State your name.

27 MS. DORIS BRADSHAW: My name is Doris Bradshaw, president of the Defense
28 Depot Memphis, Tennessee Concerned Citizen's Committee, also
29 community liaison for the Coalition of the Black Trade Unions of
30 the Carotene. I want to know is there going to be a land use policy
31 in place? Because what I'm seeing at the main facility is we were

1 told that when the children -- when you all cleaned up the area that
2 was supposed to be for the homeless people, the buildings that --
3 where the officers used to stay when they come to Memphis, we
4 were told that you were going to clean up so many inches of the
5 soil. I think it was six inches. And that -- and the question came
6 up "Will there be any gardens? What if the people decide to plant
7 gardens?" And, you know, low and behold I passed by there, and
8 there was a garden and two little boys running around that site. So
9 we were lied to again. Because we were worried about the
10 children kicking up more than six inches of soil.

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12 MS. D. BRADSHAW: Now, it may have stated twelve inches, but I think it was six
13 inches of soil that you were supposed to clean up. How can we be
14 reassured that as you do these cleanups and giving leases to the
15 city, turning leases over to the city, giving land to the city, that the
16 people that you're giving this land to is going to hold accountable
17 to these land use policies?

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19 Now, clean ups are going on all over America on these military
20 sites, but when we're told that there is supposed to be a land use
21 policy -- I may be calling the name wrong, but you know exactly
22 what I'm talking about. How can the communities be reassured that
23 you don't go plant a darn garden over on Dunn Field or you don't
24 start building houses on Dunn Field? Because you said the lead is
25 gone, and there's still 200 and something more chemicals laying
26 over there.

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28 How can the community be reassured that you're not going to give
29 this land to somebody that is going to develop this land and just
30 start digging and exposing us to more chemicals? I want to know
31 how many inches of this soil you're going to dig up, where it's

1 going and where it's going to end up at. And I hope not into
2 another poor black community, as always, like Tunica got one
3 truck load over there, and I don't know where the scrap iron went
4 to. But I did hear on the news that there was radiation on some of
5 the scrap iron, and low and behold, the Defense Depot in Ripley --
6 the Defense Depot was getting rid of scrap metal. So, I don't know
7 if it was yours or somebody else's.

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9 MS. D. BRADSHAW: But we need to know from the cradle to the grave on everything
10 that is done here on the Defense Depot. I'm requesting all
11 information be given to the organization of the Concerned Citizen's
12 Committee, all. I'm tired of asking for information after every
13 report comes out that I've got to ask for another report. Because
14 this is on record. And I get nothing.

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16 I don't feel like I should have to write anyone. Because when the
17 Mid-South Peace and Justice sat on this Board, every document
18 there was, the Mid-South Peace and Justice got those documents.
19 I want it all. I think our organization needs it all to start looking
20 through this and preparing for it so that we can give to the
21 community from the community point of view. That's the only
22 way that we can understand by looking at your reports. Because
23 we can't even make a report. Because we don't have the engineers
24 or the doctors to do it.

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26 If you have the land use form in place, I want to see it, and if this
27 part of the EE/CA -- the E-E-C-A, is that what it's called? The
28 EE/CA? I want to make sure that we have all the information as
29 you go, step by step. Because I don't want to see someone using
30 Dunn Field as farm and giving vegetables to the community.
31 Thank you.

1 MR. HUNT: Thank you for your comments.

2 MS. MARQUITA BRADSHAW: I would like to know would there be a process to stop
3 the excavation if it is not done like it said on paper? Because
4 somehow when things are put on paper and how they are to be
5 carried out, as far as cleanup is concerned with Site 60, will there
6 be a person that we could actually call and hold -- and report to and
7 have them come look at how the cleanup process is going, if it is
8 going on illegally? My name is Marquita Bradshaw.

9 MR. HUNT: Thank you. Once again, on this evening we ask that your
10 comments deal specifically with the cleanup alternative that is
11 presented in the Engineering Evaluation Cost Analysis.

12 MS. BROOKS: Peggy Brooks, RAB board member. Honestly, I don't know that
13 much. I do not have the academic background in biology or
14 chemistry or any of that. All I know is that I represent some
15 elderly people, some children on Hays Road. And my only
16 comment is that of the alternatives, I'm trusting that somehow the
17 best of the three will be chosen. And should we get to the place
18 where we need to inform the community in terms of evacuation,
19 although I'm hoping that it should never come to that but in a dire
20 circumstance, if we can be notified immediately, if it should even
21 come to that. I'm hoping and trusting that it won't.

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23 But just select the alternative that is best. I must defer to
24 somebody else's judgement because I don't know that much about
25 it one way or the other. I'm just trusting -- and this is me, my
26 personal thing. I'm just trusting that in the human nature and the
27 goodness of human beings that the best choice will be made. This
28 is me.

1 As for me and my house, we serve the Lord, and I'm not bothered.
2 I am protected. I am shielded by the grace of God and Jesus
3 Christ. So I am found. And, once again, I have no animosity, no
4 problems with anybody. I'm trusting in God for my security.
5 Thank you so much.

6 MR. HUNT: Thank you for your comment. If we have no further comments on
7 this evening, we thank you for attending the presentation on the
8 removal of surface soil containing lead at the former pistol range
9 on Dunn Field. We thank you for your participation. Do we have
10 anymore comments for this evening?

11 MR. JOHNSON: I tried to be earlier, but I couldn't come. But my name is Carl
12 Johnson. I live at 2415 Drake Cove. I have plenty of concern
13 about the health of the people who live near the Depot. We've seen
14 a number of illnesses a lot of people have associated with either the
15 plumes at Dunn Field or some of the contaminants somewhere in
16 the environment. We've had a lot of unusual cancers.

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18 And, so, we have been talking about this issue as long as we've
19 been talking about redoing the facility, and I would appreciate
20 getting some kind of report on what your findings have been from
21 the surveys you have done.

22 MR. HUNT: Comments on this evening are to address only the removal of the
23 surface soil containing lead at the former pistol range on Dunn
24 Field.

25 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, I saw that notice but that's a ---

26 MR. HUNT: Those are the comments that are addressed on this evening.

27 MR. JOHNSON: Okay, the lead, even for the lead in Dunn Field from the firing
28 range, to me, it is a possible carcinogen. I would like to know if
29 you have done any report to ascertain the carcinogenic affects of
30 the pistol range? Would you be sending us material on that?

1 MR. HUNT: We will respond to all comments on this evening in the
2 Responsiveness Summary. It will be a part of the Action
3 Memorandum that will be available this fall.

4 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

5 MS. MARQUITA BRADSHAW: My name is Marquita Bradshaw. Will we have time
6 to respond back to the questions after you have answered them?
7 This was my first question. And, second, I want to clarify my
8 questions before and how they do pertain to this site. The
9 correlation is connected to the type of cleanup that you have been
10 doing before, these three choices. Some of the choices we've
11 chosen before have been the best alternatives, but the
12 implementation of these alternatives has been shotty, and it does
13 pertain to this Site 60. Because after we decide which one we
14 would like or which one would you like to do -- which most of the
15 time it ends up. It has nothing to do with the community, what
16 they want. The implementation fails, and it endangers people's
17 lives. Do you understand when you dig for lead in this Site 60 that
18 that is not the only contaminant that you are dealing with?

19 MS. DORIS BRADSHAW: That's right.

20 MS. MARQUITA BRADSHAW: And once you test the site, are you going to be testing
21 for other chemicals besides lead and its affects and exposing the
22 community to it? Will you have a monitoring process to recognize
23 any type of patterns within the surrounding neighborhoods as far as
24 human health? I trust in the Lord, also, but I don't trust man.

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26 I have a list of questions, and I hope I don't forget one. Because
27 the way you're asking, I don't want you to stamp "not pertaining to
28 Site 60" on these questions. Because each and every last one of
29 these questions pertain to Site 60. Because how you've handled
30 the situation before depends on whether or not we trust you to do it
31 again.

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2 There needs to be an evacuation process for the neighbors and
3 schools and day cares and also the elderly people that are not
4 ambulant and cannot move out of the beds because they are home
5 sick, and also the neighboring communities, the businesses.
6 Because you have -- at Site 60 have you also evaluated the possible
7 affects of contaminating our finest, our Memphis finest, police
8 officers and our fire department that's on Dunn Field now and the
9 other businesses and their affects? Will they be notified of this
10 evacuation and to let their workers know not to be coming around
11 this process?

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13 Will it be business as normal with the removal of either one of the
14 three plans that you propose? Do you have an evacuation plan for
15 Site 60 if something should go wrong? Do you have a person that
16 we can call and notify that the implementation of Site 60 is wrong
17 and it is affecting the community? Do you have a process to stop it
18 and evacuate the people?

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20 Excuse me for repeating myself, but I think I have to do this and be
21 redundant. Because the questions that we have set forth have not
22 been answered at my level of satisfaction. Thank you.

23 MR. HUNT: Thank you for your comments. The responses to the comments,
24 once again, will be provided in a Responsiveness Summary that
25 will be a part of the Action Memorandum documenting the
26 selected cleanup alternatives. The Action Memorandum will be in
27 the Information Repositories and available for the public review.

28 MS. MARQUITA BRADSHAW: On what date will that be in the repository?

29 MS. DORIS BRADSHAW: And will we be able to respond back and get our response
30 back to your response? Because I know you're looking blank
31 because it ain't in the process, and it ain't never been in the process.

1 You answer us whop-sided and then turn around and state what
2 you want to say and don't answer the questions in the first place,
3 and then the government go on and do what the heck they want to
4 do. We're tired of this, and I mean darn tired, and, so, you can sit
5 there and smirk all you want to. I know they tell you what to do.
6 You've got your marching orders, but we're not happy with the
7 process and ain't never been happy with it. And when we see our
8 people die and you keep talking about, well, it doesn't have
9 anything -- yes, it does. The water, the air, the soil has something
10 to do with our community being sick.

11 MR. HUNT: Thank you. Do we have anymore comments for this evening?

12 MS. DORIS BRADSHAW: Still I'm requesting a 90-day -- 90 extra days to be placed on
13 this. I'm still requesting from the community, from our
14 organization, that we have 90 more days to examine the material.

15 MR. HUNT: If we have no further comments, we thank you for your attendance
16 on this evening and your participation. Thank you. This meeting is
17 adjourned.

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**WHEREUPON, THE PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT
7:30 P.M.**

Attendance List
Restoration Advisory Board Members

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| Mr. Mondell Williams | RAB Co-Chair |
| Mr. John DeBack | Interim Facility Co-Chair |
| Mr. Turpin Ballard | Environmental Protection Agency |
| Mr. Jim Morrison | Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation |
| Mr. Eugene Brayon | Citizen Representative |
| Ms. Doris Bradshaw | Environmental Representative (DDMT-CCC) |
| Ms. Peggy Brooks | Citizen Representative |
| Mr. Clyde Hunt | Remedial Program Manager |
| Mr. Torrence Myers | Memphis Light, Gas, & Water (MLGW) |
| Mr. Eugene Brayon | Community Member |

Others in Attendance

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| Ms. Alma Black Moore | Frontline Communications |
| Mr. Trevor S. Diggins | Frontline Communications |
| Ms. Adrienne Hill | Frontline Communications |
| Mr. Bruce Railey | Corps of Engineers – Hunstville |
| Mr. David Nelson | CH2M Hill |
| Mr. Benjamin Moore | ATSDR |
| Mr. Michael Dobbs | DDC |
| Ms. Marquita Bradshaw | Community Member |
| Ms. Joy Brown | Community Member |
| Ms. Chelia Bradshaw | Community Member |
| Ms. Courtney Smith | Community Member |
| Mr. Carl Johnson | Community Member |