



# THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

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## ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD COVER SHEET

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MEETING MINUTES  
Restoration Advisory Board  
March 21, 1996

Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, Commander's Conference Room

The Restoration Advisory Board Meeting was held on March 21, 1996 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 other members of the community and giving them an overview of the agenda for the meeting.

Old Business

RAB Applications—

Ms. Kartman asked members of the public to leave the room so that the RAB could discuss the addition of new members. RAB members were mailed copies of the applications and were given one additional application at the meeting. There were fourteen applicants in all. The RAB agreed to add four new members to the board. Three of these are replacements and one is an addition bringing the total to 21 board members. After a discussion of the applicants and their qualifications the RAB voted to add Kevin Clay, Dave Bond, Elizabeth Young and Terri Gray as new members. Letters will be sent to the new members to inform them of the time and location of the next RAB meeting. We will also send letters to those individuals who were not selected to thank them for applying and invite them to attend the RAB meetings in the future.

New Business

The BRAC Process—

Dann Sparlosu from EPA Region IV made a presentation about the BRAC process. The BRAC process involves the President appointing a non-partisan commission, the BRAC Commission, they take the recommendations of the Pentagon, the Department of Defense, on which bases to close. They then hold hearings to adjust the recommendations for various reasons. The President and Congress either accept or reject the list given by the Commission. They have never rejected a BRAC commission list. There have been four rounds of base closure to date these occurred in 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995. The Depot appears on the 1995 BRAC list. The next round of closures is projected to be in 2001.

In order to speed up the closing process President Clinton established a five point plan to help implement a more timely closure process. This plan involved allowing easy

access to transition and redevelopment help, use of transition coordinators, economic development planning grants, jobs-centered property disposal and fast-track clean-up, since most sites had contamination.

Fast-track clean-up is the area that falls within the realm of the RAB's concerns. The goals of this accelerated clean-up include minimizing the time, cost and risk to human health and the environment in the cleanup and transfer of property at closed military installations and the acceleration of the cleanup to make property more rapidly available for lease or transfer. Superfund requirements must still be met, however we are wanting to expedite the overall process.

The BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) includes representatives from the facility (Christine Kartman), the EPA (Dann Spariosu) and the state (Jordan English). This group works with the RAB, the BTC, the LRA, government agencies and the project team. The Base Transition Coordinator (BTC) is also a player. This position has a much broader role than the members of the BCT. The Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) also plays a key role in the process by developing an Installation Redevelopment Plan, informing the community, BCT, and RAB on reuse issues, as well as maintaining an awareness of the environmental issues.

We have asked Ms. Buchanan who is on the LRA to attend the next meeting of the RAB to discuss their preliminary plans and goals as well as what the RAB's interaction with the LRA will be. The LRA will help establish cleanup priorities for the facility.

The BRAC process requires the facility to produce certain environmental documents. These include an Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) which is a broad study done after a facility is put on the BRAC list to see what the conditions are at the site. This involves looking at past histories and studies. The main purpose of this study is to determine what parcels are clean now and have the potential for immediate transfer. The draft EBS is currently due out at the end of May with a final document expected in August. The BRAC Cleanup Plan (BCP) is done using the EBS and adding in all the other environmental studies that have occurred in the past few years. This document then defines our strategy for cleanup. This is a proposed plan that will be reviewed by the RAB for community input.

The two documents related to ritualizing the property and working are the Finding of Suitability for Lease (FOSL) and Finding of Suitability for Transfer (FOST). The FOSL is a letter stating the EPA finds the property suitable for lease. The FOST falls under CERCLA laws. It states that any hazard to human health has been removed or reduced to insignificant levels, or a remedy is in place and operating successfully. In the transfer, the Army must put a statement in the document saying that any future contamination or environmental problems that are found on the land (that were already in existence) will ultimately be the Army's responsibility.

**Public Comment Period--**

Mr. Goines asked about the testing and results of the water quality that MLGW was supposed to provide to the board. Ms. Kartman stated that the information was not received, however a brochure was received that had the annual report. The information that was requested was to compare water quality at Allen Well Field with other wells in with the area. Mr. Webb said MLGW will provide this information for the RAB at the next meeting.

The next RAB meeting will be held on April 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commander's Conference Room at the Depot.

### Restoration Advisory Board Members

Ms. Christine Kartman  
Mr. Larry Smith

Mr. Dann Spariosu  
Mr. Jordan English

Ms. Janet Hooks  
Mr. James Webb  
Mr. John Garrison  
Ms. Johnnie Mae Peters  
Mr. Eugene Brayon  
Mr. Cleo Kirk  
Mr. Carter Gray

Ms. Veronica Smith  
Mr. Ulysses Truitt  
Mr. James Goines  
Ms. Karen Blanks McGlown

Defense Depot Memphis  
Mid-South Peace and Justice Center  
(Community Co-Chair)  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Tennessee Department of Environment and  
Conservation (TDEC)  
Memphis City Council  
Memphis Light Gas and Water  
Citizen Representative  
Citizen Representative  
Citizen Representative  
Shelby County Commissioner  
Memphis/Shelby County Health Department  
(MSCHD)  
Citizen Representative  
Citizen Representative  
Citizen Representative  
Citizen Representative

### Others in Attendance

Ms. Doris Bradshaw  
Mrs. Azzie Lee Harris  
Mr. Kevin Clay  
Mr. Russell Ray Anderson  
Ms. Barbara J. Everett  
Ms. Edna Everett  
Mr. Lessie J. Brady  
Ms. Sue Estes

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