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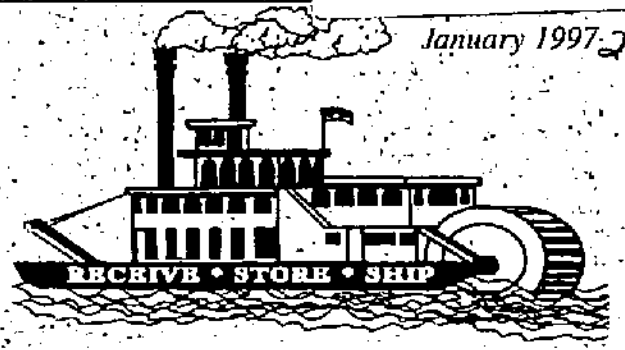
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# *The Restoration Newsletter*

## *Defense Depot*

### *Memphis, Tennessee*



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The Defense Distribution Depot Memphis distributes this newsletter to inform the public of the ongoing restoration efforts underway at the Depot.

This newsletter is designed to inform the community of the past activities as well as the future plans for restoration at the facility.

## Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) completed a survey on the health risks at DDMT in November 1995. The following is a summary of their conclusions.

DDMT is not the type of facility generally associated with production of large amounts of hazardous wastes. The types of contamination that exist are from the burial of unusable industrial supplies and chemicals in Dunn Field, from isolated spills, or from the normal application of pesticides and herbicides to the facility. Materials buried at Dunn Field have contaminated the shallow groundwater under Dunn Field. However, public water supplies have been provided to neighbors of DDMT since the late 1940's and early 1950's, before the disposal area had been extensively used. Neighbors of DDMT were using public water supplies and would not have been exposed to any contaminated groundwater. Public water supplies are monitored and contamination from DDMT has not been detected. Additionally, the municipal water supply can be treated if necessary, so that if contamination from DDMT were to reach the public

water supply, it would be treated and would not become a public health problem.

In April 1996, an additional review of sampling data from the drainage ditches sediment was conducted by ATSDR. The conclusions reached were that, although some contaminants were detected, they were not of the type and amounts that would pose a public health hazard from the infrequent and short-term dermal exposure, which would be the expected form of contact.

ATSDR will continue to monitor testing at DDMT and provide any additional surveys they feel necessary. The ATSDR reports are located at the repositories listed on the last page of this newsletter.

## Fast-Track Cleanup

In July 1993, the President announced his base closure reinvestment program to help speed the economic recovery of communities affected by the Department of Defense (DOD) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program. Previously, DOD closed military bases to save money, sometimes without enough attention to the effects on the surrounding communities. The president's program is aimed at giving top priority to early reuse of the valuable assets of closing bases by local communities.

Fast Track Cleanup is designed to accelerate environmental cleanup at the closing base to prepare the property for community reuse, while ensuring that human health and the environment are protected.

The goals of Fast-Track Cleanup are to: minimize the time, cost, and risk to human health and the

environment in the cleanup and transfer of property at closed military installations, and to accelerated cleanup to make property rapidly available for lease or transfer.

DDMT is a Fast-Track closure base. The closure/redevelopment process is one in which the military and the community will be working together until closure in September of 1997. Both parties have specific goals to accomplish during this transition period. For the military this will include environmental cleanup of the Depot as established by environmental laws and meeting cleanup standards prior to the transfer of title.

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 EBS was completed in October 1996. The BRAC Cleanup Plan (BCP) uses the EBS and adds in all the other environmental studies that have occurred in the past few years. This document then defines the Depot's strategy for cleanup.

The two documents related to this plan are the Finding of Suitability for Lease (FOSL) and Finding of Suitability for Transfer (FOST). The FOSL is a letter stating the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finds the property suitable for lease. The FOST falls under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (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.

DOD, EPA, and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), known as the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT), have the responsibility to assure that the base is

environmentally clean to previously established standards before transfer to the community. The BCT is charged with protecting human health and the environment.

## Accomplishments of 1996

In January results from the background soil and sediment sampling conducted in October 1995, were provided to the community. Also in January and continuing through February, offsite monitoring wells were installed. Samples from these wells provided information about the extent of the groundwater plume. In April 1996, ATSDR provided an additional health assessment on the results of the drainage ditch samples. The results of both the well sampling and the ATSDR report were provided to the community in a Town Hall Meeting in June, 1996.

In July, a public scoping meeting was held regarding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for the disposal and reuse of the property as well as the interim leasing possibilities of the Depot. Also in July, removal of stockpiles began at Dunn Field.

In September, the Depot hosted the Defense Environmental Response Task Force meeting. Also at the end of September the EBS was presented for final comments.

The Environmental Assessment for the Master Lease was completed during October. Also completed was the BRAC Cleanup Plan. These documents were presented in the October RAB meeting.

## The BRAC Environmental Coordinator



The new BRAC Environmental Coordinator (BEC) is Glenn L. Kaden, R.E.M. He comes to the Depot from the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence (AFCEE). He was the

AFCEE field engineer based at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida. Mr. Kaden is a retired U.S. Naval pilot whose civilian career encompasses job assignments with the Department of Energy, Tennessee Valley Authority, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Kaden is a registered environmental manager and graduated from the Air Force's Institute of Technology Remedial Program Manager (RPM) course. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with an engineering degree with a minor in math/management. He has an MSA in personnel management from George Washington University and has additional graduate credit with Marshall University and doctorate work with the University of Nevada - Reno.

Mr. Kaden, his wife and their daughter will arrive in Memphis during the first week of February. He will join the Environmental Office staff and assume his duties as BEC upon his arrival.

Also joining the staff is a new Installation Restoration Program Project Manager, Shawn Phillips, P.E., and an Environmental Protection Specialist, Michael Lee.

Mr. Phillips, formerly of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Washington, D.C., received a Bachelors of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from Virginia Poly Technic Institute and State University. He has over six years experience with the Navy's environmental cleanup program and has completed 12 cleanup actions using remediation contractors.

Mr. Lee comes to Memphis from the Naval Public Works Center in Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida. He received a Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Science from the University of West Florida. He has five years experience managing hazardous waste and ensuring environmental compliance.

## Restoration Advisory Board

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) has meet on the third Thursday of each month to act as an advisory board during the environmental assessment process.

The group has reviewed technical data and work plans for proposed environmental activities at the Depot to ensure public involvement in this process. **The next RAB meeting is scheduled for February 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commander's Conference Room at the Depot.** RAB meetings are open to the public.

## The RAB Community Co-Chairman

At the January 16, 1997 meeting, the RAB elected Mondell B. Williams as the Community Co-Chair replacing Larry Smith who stepped down in December. The RAB was unanimous in its selection of Mr. Williams.

Currently a Depot employee Mr. Williams brings to the Board concerns and questions from the workforce, and he takes information back to his co-workers. He also represents a local community organization, Community Living In Peace, Inc.

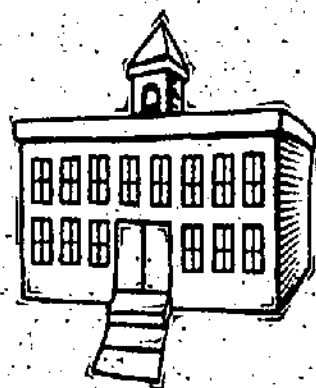
Mr. Williams' interest and involvement in the Installation Restoration Program dates back to May 1993 when he represented a local community group that participated in community interviews for the Depot's Community Relations Plan. Mr. Williams continued his involvement in the Depot's restoration program by attending public meetings, information workshops and RAB meetings. He sat in for Shelby County Commissioner Dr. Cleo Kirk at RAB meetings prior to being elected onto the board himself in February 1995.

Mr. Williams also maintains a high level of community involvement. He serves as the Acting Chairman of the Shelby County Headstart, Inc. and has run for seats on the Memphis City Council and the Shelby County Commission. He also sits in for Dr. Cleo Kirk at Memphis Depot Redevelopment Agency board meetings.

To discuss your questions or concerns with Mr. Williams, please call him at (901) 946.9751 or write him at 667 Mallory, Memphis, TN 38106.

## Information Repositories

To review copies of documents related to the restoration at the Depot, information has been placed in the repositories for public review.



Memphis/Shelby County Library  
Main Branch, Gov't and Law Section  
1850 Peabody  
Memphis, TN 38104-4025

Cherokee Branch Public Library  
3300 Sharp Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38111-3758

Memphis/Shelby County Health Dept.  
Pollution Control Division  
814 Jefferson Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38106

The documents are also available for your review in the Environmental Office. Please feel free to call at (901) 775-4568 and schedule a time.

### RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD:

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. Contact the Environmental Office for details at (901) 775-4568.

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