



THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD COVER SHEET

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MEETING MINUTES
Restoration Advisory Board
October 16, 1997
Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, TN
Commander's Conference Room

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting was held on October 16, 1997, at the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, Tennessee (DDMT) in the Commander's Conference Room. The attendance list is attached.

Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Mondell Williams, Community Co-Chairman, opened the meeting by welcoming members of the Board and the community.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes Review -- Mondell Williams

The minutes of the previous RAB meeting, held September 18, 1997, were accepted into the record.

Announcements - Glenn Kaden, Facility Co-Chairman

Mr. Glenn Kaden extended his appreciation to Mr. Mondell Williams and the Depot Environmental Staff for suggesting and hosting the pre-meeting gathering.

On September 29, 1997, the contract was awarded for the Groundwater Interim Remedial Action at the Defense Depot that would include the installation of the first seven wells. Final arrangements with the City regarding the discharge of the water have not yet been concluded.

A preconstruction conference was held with OHM Remediation Services Corp on October 15, 1997 to discuss the contract. A Notice to Proceed (NTP) would soon be issued that would allow OHM to start their fieldwork. The area of the wells and discharge piping would be surveyed by OHM as soon as the NTP was received. OHM would begin construction of the wells within 30 days of the NTP, if clearance of the area was complete by that time. The Mobile Engineer District would be responsible for arranging for the clearance.

Ms. Dorothy Richards was introduced as the new Project Manager for the Corps of Engineers from Huntsville, replacing Mr. Julian Savage.

In order to control the dust at Dunn Field caused by motor vehicle traffic, it was decided that a different road system be installed. The Mobile Engineer District was given direction to develop a scope of work that would do away with most of the dirt road now currently in use at Dunn Field. A new road would be installed to facilitate a different traffic pattern to allow for the removal of the bauxite and fluorspar piles. Sod or new grass will cover the area where the two bauxite piles were removed, to aid with erosion control at these sites.

A community outreach room was established at the Depot in the Environmental Division spaces. This room would allow members of the community an opportunity to review all of the material available at the site. The room would not only house an information repository, but also would have three computers with Internet access for public environmental use. Other environmental information such as newsletters, right-to-know information and RAB minutes would also be available. Mr. Kaden stated that he would be pleased to meet with community members to show them the room and to review the information that is available to the public. It was noted that community members are welcome to visit the room at anytime during normal office hours. Mr. Kaden requested that should community members wish to meet with members of the Environmental Division, the public should call prior to the visit (544-0618) to arrange a suitable meeting time. This request is due to the Environmental Division's ongoing travel and meeting schedules.

Chemical Warfare Materiel - Update - Glenn Kaden

A Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the chemical warfare materiel investigative fieldwork in Dunn Field was issued on September 30, 1997. The contract was awarded to Parsons Engineering of Atlanta, Georgia. Draft workplans and safety plans were scheduled to be completed no later than the middle of November 1997 with the final plans scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Fieldwork was scheduled to begin in late January 1998. It was noted that the fieldwork would probably occur during the same week as the January RAB meeting, and there would be an update at that meeting.

Mr. Kaden stated that since there was always the possibility of uncovering materiel in Dunn Field, it was necessary to have precautions in place if this did occur. It was also stated that no materials were expected to be uncovered from the digging along the fence line, but it was better to be safe. Mr. Kaden then reminded the RAB of a previous meeting where Mr. Doug Warnock of the U.S. Army Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Program made a presentation. An Interim Holding Facility (IHF) would be established at Dunn Field prior to any digging taking place. The IHF would temporarily store any recovered chemical warfare materiel.

Please see the attached U.S. Army Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Program Information Sheet titled "Interim Holding Facility."

NEW BUSINESS**Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) - Update**

Mr. John Garrison and Ms. Elizabeth Young participated as the RAB-appointed observers during the ATSDR Public Health Assessment (PHA) update on September 23 and 24, 1997. Unfortunately, the ATSDR-appointed observer did not attend the PHA update.

Mr. Garrison provided a written report to the Board and verbally highlighted his key observations made on September 23, 1997. He was impressed by the diversity of the ATSDR team and the scope of their examination and also by the professional manner of the Depot environmental staff who assisted in the update. In his report, Mr. Garrison outlined the inspection of Dunn Field, the western portion of the Depot property along Perry Road, hazardous materials storage areas, Operable Unit 2 (sandblast and paint booth areas) and Operable Unit 3 (golf course area, including Lake Danielson).

Throughout the afternoon, the inspection team discussed the presence of a pesticide (Dieldrin), in the eastern part of the main installation and of the potential for sediments in drainage ditches to be impacted. In his report, Mr. Garrison issued his personal hope that the PHA update would help the community address potential health concerns in relation to the Depot.

Ms. Young was an observer on September 24, 1997. She did not record her observations in written form. Ms. Young was greatly impressed with the overall clean-up of the site, especially in comparison with her previous tour. She appreciated the Depot Environmental Staff's honesty in their answers to questions posed by the ATSDR team. Unfortunately, during the site tour the van suffered a breakdown limiting the time allowed for the outdoor assessment.

Ms. Young noted concern for the drainage ditches, particularly near the Hamilton school and also on Rozelle because these ditches were not closed. During the update, the team attempted to identify the originating points of these drainage ditches. The group also observed a pool of water in a yard on Cincinnati Ave. It was not apparent from where the water had originated or where it was going. Ms. Young stated her appreciation to have been involved as an observer.

Mr. Shawn Phillips stated that the ATSDR PHA update was expected to be finalized within 30-45 days. It was expected to be available to the public within 60 days. Mr. Phillips indicated it would be available to the RAB as soon as it was received at Depot.

Environmental Internet Access

A presentation was made by Mr. John Rosenthal of the Urban Environment Institute at Howard University, Washington D.C. The Urban Environment Institute was created for use by community groups that could not participate in environmental decision-making. The Institute's mission is to assist people to understand the process and the substance of the environmental information, so they could better participate in environmental dialogue and decision-making, in order to protect their interests. The Institute is not an advocacy group.

The Institute has looked at the issue of base closures with a small grant from the EPA. It has developed a workshop program for use by RAB groups to educate its members on access to information through computers and the Internet. The Internet has been a helpful tool to facilitate communication among various RAB groups around the country, to network with each other, and to share information/experiences. Mr. Rosenthal explained that an Internet user could pose questions to members on List Serves (similar to a party-line, in which many people had the opportunity to see a question and provide an answer to it).

Mr. Rosenthal accessed America OnLine (AOL) to demonstrate how environmental Internet websites were accessed and the extent of information offered for public use. He entered the term BRAC into the search engine (like a telephone book of listings all containing the same key phrase). Mr. Rosenthal found websites relating to legal issues, base closure documentation, regulation, policy, and workshops.

Next, Mr. Rosenthal accessed the Right-To-Know Network, a free database accessible by the Internet or by direct dial-up. He looked for information regarding the Memphis community.

This presentation inspired much discussion among the group. Some questions from RAB members and other meeting attendees during the presentation were as follows:

- Were Memphis sites listed on the Toxics Release Inventory?
- Was there a way to look up releases of specific chemicals?
- Would pump and treat data from the Depot site be listed?
- Was a federal Depot exempt from reporting TRI data?
- Was air pollution listed in the TRI?
- Were records of decision on Superfund sites listed?
- Were Superfund sites accessible?
- Did a list of pollution contributors by organization exist?
- Were there medical databases/bulletin boards to cross-reference with Superfund sites in the area?

- Would the Internet have sites that show how many Superfund sites have been prosecuted?
- How could one get onto the Right-To-Know Network Bulletin Board and what was the contact telephone number? (1-800-444-8697)

Mr. Rosenthal demonstrated how to access the Right-To-Know bulletin board directly by modem, without an Internet hook-up. He accessed the Toxics Release Inventory for information available in the Depot's zip code.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Williams. Mr. Kaden and Mr. Williams wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and holiday season.

The next RAB meeting was scheduled for January, 15, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. at the Depot.

**Attendance List
Restoration Advisory Board Members**

Mr. Glenn Kaden	Facility Co-Chair
Mr. Mondell Williams	Community Co-Chair
Mr. Jordan English	TDEC
Mr. John Garrison	Citizen Representative
Ms. Johnnie Mae Peters	Citizen Representative
Mr. Dave Bond	Citizen Representative
Mr. Eugene Brayon	Citizen Representative
Ms. Terri Gray	Citizen Representative
Ms. Elizabeth Young	Citizen Representative
Ms. Willie Mae Willett	Citizen Representative
Mr. Ulysses Truitt	Citizen Representative
Ms. Veronica Smith	Citizen Representative
Mr. Ramon Torres	EPA
Mr. James Webb	MLG&W
Dr. Cleo Kirk	Shelby County Commission
Ms. Pamela Walker for Ms. Janet Hooks	Memphis City Council
Ms. Doris Bradshaw for Mr. Kevin Clay	Citizen Representative

Others in Attendance

Mr. Phil Amido	Defense Depot Memphis
Mr. Russell Ray Anderson	Citizen
Mr. Scott Bradley	US Army Engineering Huntsville Support Center
Mr. Kenneth Bradshaw	Citizen
Mr. Rick Bowlus	US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
Ms. Denise Cooper	Defense Depot Memphis
Mr. John DeBack	Base Transition Office
Mr. Terry Flynn	Frontline
Ms. Carolyn Gaines	Defense Depot Memphis
Ms. Jennifer Hall	Frontline
Mr. Michael Lee	Defense Depot Memphis
Mr. Paul Lewis	Defense Depot Memphis
Ms. Karen Moran	Defense Logistics Agency
Mr. Shawn Phillips	Defense Depot Memphis
Ms. Dorothy Richards	US Army Engineering Huntsville Support Center
Mr. John A. Rosenthal	Howard University, Washington D.C.
Mr. Clarence Smith	Defense Distribution Center
Ms. Kelly Spearman	US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

**Defense Logistics Agency
Defense Distribution Depot Memphis**

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Agenda

October 16, 1997

**DDMT Commander's Conference Room
2163 Airways Boulevard
Memphis, Tennessee**

Welcome and Introduction

ICE BREAKER

15 Min

Mr. Glenn Kaden
BEC DDC - ME
Facility Co-Chairman

Old Business

Meeting Minutes Review

Mr. Mondell Williams
Community Co-Chairman

Chemical Warfare Material Update

5 Min

Mr. Glenn Kaden

New Business:

ATSDR Update - RAB Observer

5 Min

Mr. John Garrison
Ms. Elizabeth Young

Environmental Internet Access

45 Min

Mr. John Rosenthal
Howard University

Public Comment Period

15 Min

Meeting Adjourned

U.S. ARMY NON-STOCKPILE CHEMICAL MATERIEL PROGRAM INFORMATION

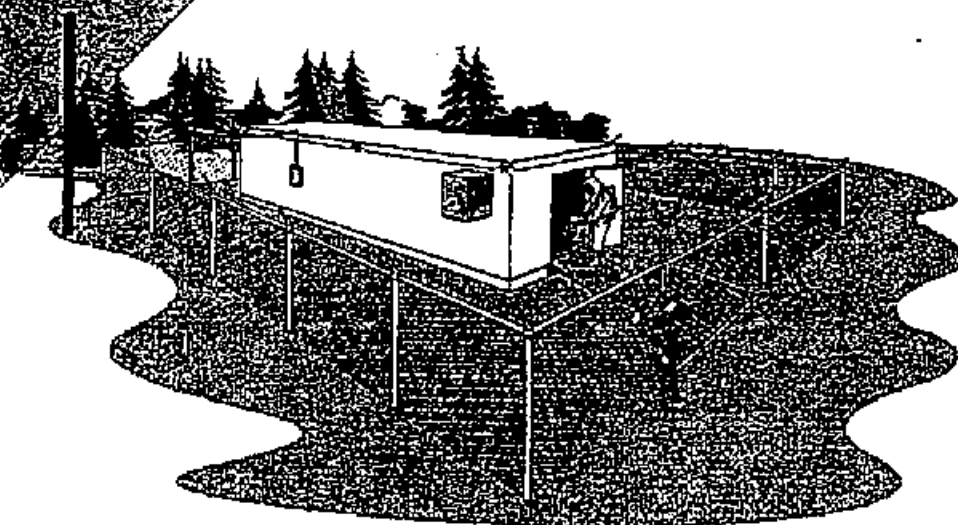
Interim Holding Facility

The Army will use Interim Holding Facilities (IHF) to provide safe, temporary storage for recovered non-stockpile chemical materiel at sites where storage facilities, such as igloos and bunkers, are unavailable. Recovered chemical munitions require safe and secure storage pending ultimate destruction.

The Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Program has developed stringent construction and safety requirements for the IHF. The facility is constructed from fireproof and corrosion-resistant materials. Light switches and fixtures, outlets, and air

conditioners, must meet strict non-explosive design requirements to reduce the risk of fire inside the IHF. Additionally, the IHF includes a secondary containment area below the floor that would contain residual material inside the IHF should a leak occur.

The IHF is double locked and enclosed in a fenced area. Automatic lights attached to the IHF maximize lighting at night. Additionally, a visual security system and agent monitoring of the IHF is conducted until the recovered agent and weapons have been relocated for treatment.



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