

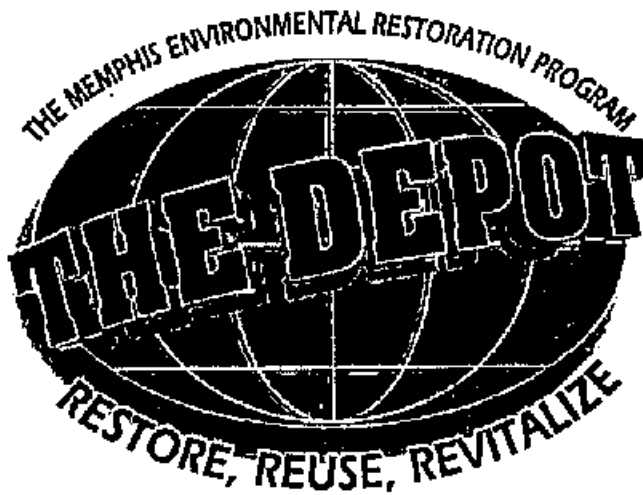


# THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

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## ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD COVER SHEET

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## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

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Our commitment to the community is to restore the site to federal and state environmental standards in order to revitalize and transfer the property to the City of Memphis for productive community use.

Our Environmental Restoration Program is based on three main objectives. They are:

- to define the environmental conditions at the site and determine the areas affected by the past operations of the Depot;
- to develop an effective environmental restoration program for the site; and
- to implement effective cleanup activities while protecting human health and the environment.

## OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meets monthly to review restoration progress;
- The Base Cleanup Team (BCT) works closely with the local reuse authority;
- An Interim Remedial Action groundwater pumping system is under construction;
- Chemical warfare materials site characterization fieldwork is underway;
- The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team has reviewed data from every sub-parcel of the Main Installation;
- The environmental condition categories of 46 parcels on the Main Installation property have been updated;
- The number of transferable sub-parcels (now able to lease) has increased from 31% to 58%; and
- A Community Outreach Room has been established at the Depot in the Environmental Division area.

## FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Conduct a preliminary risk evaluation;
- Finalize the risk assessment on the golf course ponds;
- Begin early removals where appropriate, such as the housing area;
- Complete the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of sites on the Main Installation;
- Design and implement remedial actions at the Main Installation;
- Begin Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of Dunn Field;
- Remediate chemical warfare material burial areas at Dunn Field (if required);
- Continue preparing Findings of Suitability to Lease (FOSLs) with the local reuse authority;
- Manage the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit; and
- Prepare Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOSTs) for the eventual turn over of property to the City of Memphis.

## RESPONDING TO YOUR COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Your input is essential to the success of the Depot's efforts to manage the site cleanup program. We encourage you to talk with our staff about your questions and concerns regarding the site.

If you require more information about our restoration program, we encourage you to contact the Environmental Division at (901) 544-0618 so that we can address your concerns.

## SITE HISTORY

The Memphis Depot began operations in 1942 with the mission to inventory and supply materials for the U.S. Army. During the 1980s a number of environmental studies were conducted at the Depot. The Restoration Program began in 1981.

- **March 1981** - U.S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency (USATHMA) completed an Installation Environmental Assessment.
- **January 1990** - Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Assessment of the Depot was completed.
- **September 1990** - a site investigation was completed by Law Environmental, Inc. for the site.
- **October 1992** - EPA placed the Depot on the National Priorities List (NPL) based on the Depot's Hazard Ranking System score.
- **February 1994** - the Technical Review Committee, later to become the Restoration Advisory Board, conducted its first meeting.
- **March 1995** - Federal Facilities Agreement was signed.
- **January 1995** - The Army Corps of Engineers issued an ordnance and explosive waste/chemical warfare materials archives search report.
- **September 1995** - the Depot was slated for closure under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act.
- **October 1995** - the Depot, EPA, and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) finalized Remedial Investigation workplans.
- **October 1995** - soil, surface water, and sediment sampling were completed to determine background levels around the Depot.
- **November 1995** - Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) conducted a Public Health Assessment of the Depot. This report concluded that people living near the Depot were not exposed to contamination at levels that could cause health problems.
- **December 1995** - the BRAC Cleanup Team was established.
- **May 1996** - EPA concurred with the Record of Decision for the Interim Remedial Action for groundwater at Dunn Field.
- **September 1996** - The Army issued the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for a Master Interim Lease at the Depot.
- **October 1996** - BRAC Sites sampling was completed.
- **November 1996** - the Depot issued an Environmental Baseline Survey and BRAC Cleanup Plan.
- **January 1997** - Screening and Remedial Investigation (RI) Sites sampling was completed.
- **May 1997** - Depot received the draft BRAC, Screening, and RI Sites sampling reports.
- **August 1997** - Final design for groundwater Interim Remedial Action at Dunn Field was submitted by CH2M Hill.
- **November 1997** - BRAC Cleanup Plan was updated by the Depot Environmental Team.

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