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## FOSL - ON THE ROAD TO REUSE

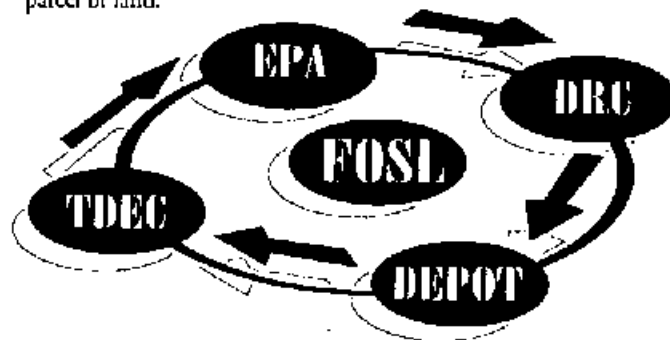
The goal of the Depot's Environmental Restoration Program is to eventually turn over the Depot's 642 acres of property and more than 100 buildings to the community, in accordance with the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

Before any of the parcels can be leased, however, the Depot's Environmental Team must complete a Finding of Suitability to Lease (FOSL) document.

Working with the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT), the Depot Redevelopment Corporation (DRC) has divided the site into 36 separate parcels and 187 sub-parcels - comprised of buildings and/or land - that may be leased and eventually transferred to various community organizations and businesses.

A FOSL documents the historic uses of a parcel, identifies any potential hazards that could endanger human health or the environment, and details what, if any, cleanup has taken place. This information comes from existing Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) studies, the Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) and asbestos identification surveys.

In the end, the information in a FOSL will be evaluated in a step-by-step process by the BRAC Cleanup Team - the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) - who will determine if, in fact, the parcel is suitable for lease under all of the appropriate legislation. One FOSL may include more than one parcel of land.



The BCT may place various limitations and restrictions on each parcel to regulate future use and ensure the intended use does not interfere with any continuing investigations and cleanup on the surrounding parcels.

The Depot BCT has already completed several FOSLs, and a local business has signed a lease and is currently operating on site. If you would like to know more about the FOSL process, or view a copy of a FOSL, the members of our Environmental Team would be pleased to meet with you. This information is also available in the Depot's Community Outreach Room.

## UPCOMING RAB MEETINGS

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meetings are open to all community members. You are invited to attend and learn about the environmental remediation program and to raise issues of interest or concern with members of the Board.

**RAB meetings are scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of each month**

Meetings are held in the Commander's Conference Room, Building 144 at the Depot, 2163 Airways Blvd., Memphis, TN. Park at Gate 1 and enter through the side doors.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend:

March 19, 1998

April 16, 1998

May 21, 1998

## INTERVIEW WITH: ELIZABETH YOUNG, RAB MEMBER



Mrs. Elizabeth Young has been a member of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for two years. In a recent interview, Mrs. Young discussed her reasons for joining the RAB and her thoughts on the restoration activities at the Depot.

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**INTERVIEW WITH: ELIZABETH YOUNG,  
RAB MEMBER** *Continued from cover*

### Q: Why did you decide to join the RAB?

A: I've lived in the community around the Depot all my life - more than 60 years - and what really interested me was the willingness of the Depot to incorporate the concerns of the community into the cleanup process. They're willing to listen to all of our concerns and answer our questions. When the Orange Mound Civic Organization was looking for someone to represent them, I knew I wanted to be a part of the process.

### Q: In your opinion, what concerns the community most about the environmental issues at the site?

A: Many of the men in my community worked at the Depot, and most of their concerns are whether or not there are risks to their long-term health because they worked there. I'd say the majority of the community is satisfied with the information the Depot and all of the other agencies involved have been giving us, and they feel their concerns have been addressed.

### Q: How is the RAB functioning? What is its value to the community?

A: I think the group is working well together - we're being given all of the information and being advised of all of the work that is being done and any problems that arise. With my health background - I was a registered nurse for 35 years - I'm particularly interested in the technical information the group is able to provide to the public in order to answer their questions. The health survey is a good example. I also like the fact that RAB members are taking this information back to their communities and that there are scientists and environmentalists involved in the cleanup program who are always available to talk to groups whenever there are questions.

### Q: There has been some criticism about the process of involving the public in RAB meetings. How do you think the problem can be solved?

A: I'd like to tell the public that we always appreciate their involvement in our meetings, but that I wish many who come out could express themselves without anger, because that would be more productive. I know people are frustrated sometimes having to sit

through the business at hand at the RAB meetings, but we're working on a way to involve the public more, and I would ask them to be patient.

### Q: What are the top three things that you would like the RAB to accomplish this year?

A: I'd like to see more public meetings, like the open house and information session, where people from the community can come out and ask all their questions.

I'd also like to make sure the RAB members are involved when the different parts of the Depot are ready to be leased or sold, because I know the community is very concerned about what will be put there. They'd like input into any decisions that might affect their community.

And I'd really like to see some training for the RAB members, especially in the technical areas, because I think that would go a long way in helping everyone better understand what's happening. I think some of the breakdowns that do happen at the RAB meetings are because those of us who don't have technical backgrounds don't always understand all of the scientific information.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DUNN FIELD

### What's happening at Dunn Field?

After months of preliminary investigation and analysis, work began January 5, 1998 on the installation of the Groundwater Control System at Dunn Field, a parcel of land located at the



Staff with OHM Remediation Services assemble drilling equipment and water collection barrels on Dunn Field during the installation of the Groundwater Control System.

northern perimeter of the Depot that is separated from the main installation by Dunn Road. The system has been designed to pump groundwater from beneath the site to the City of Memphis sanitary sewer where there are facilities to clean and treat it.

### Who's doing the work?

OHM Remediation Services Corp., located in Norcross, Georgia, has been contracted to install the Groundwater Control System. OHM is one

of the leading environmental restoration companies in the nation, with a highly qualified and professional staff who specialize in handling a variety of complex environmental cleanup projects.

### What has been done so far?

OHM staff have already set up temporary working facilities on Dunn Field and have secured the work area

with fencing. They have also developed an environmental protection plan and health and safety plan that establishes the control measures OHM will use to ensure the health and safety of the community and employees working on site.

### What's next?

Working with the Army Corps of Engineers, OHM staff are currently installing the seven groundwater extraction wells and will soon begin digging trenches in order to install the 2,500

linear feet of plastic pipe that will transport the water from Dunn Field to the sanitary sewer system. Fencing and other protective measures have been installed to make sure there is no soil or water runoff from the site. OHM will also install all of the instruments and controls needed for each well, as well as all of the electrical equipment needed to run the wells and connect them to the master control building - a protected building that will be built on site.

### How do we know it's safe?

Throughout all of these stages OHM will be conducting soil and water tests and will be monitoring the amount and characteristics of water that is being pumped. They will also be working closely with staff from the City of Memphis and Memphis Light, Gas and Water while connecting the Groundwater Control System to the city sanitary sewer system to ensure it meets all of the safety guidelines and regulations.

If you would like more information about the installation of the Groundwater Control System, please call the Depot at (901) 544-0618.

# SCANNING DUNN FIELD

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

### RAMON TORRES,

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Defense Logistic Agency (DLA) see the closure and realignment of the Depot in Memphis, Tennessee as both a challenge and an opportunity to work with the state of Tennessee, local communities, and citizens groups.

BRAC's efforts are designed to achieve a balance between the need to ensure the protection of human health and the environment and the need to minimize the effect on the Memphis community through the timely reuse of the Depot.

One of the EPA's roles is coordinating cleanup and reuse efforts. Information about the nature and extent of contamination at the Depot must be made available to the community as soon as possible in order to support the reuse planning process.

The closure of the Depot is an opportunity for EPA and state regulators (Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation - TDEC) to work cooperatively with the Depot to resolve the conflict that sometimes arises because of tension between economic interests and environmental protection. All three agencies will work together to help affected communities ensure a healthy economy without sacrificing a healthy environment.

EPA is working with the Depot to identify those portions of the installation that are environmentally suitable for transfer to the community once all necessary clean-up has been accomplished. Leasing the property has also been acknowledged as an effective means of facilitating reuse before the completion of the cleanup.

EPA is also working closely with the Depot and TDEC to increase community participation in the cleanup of the facility through the Depot Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The RAB is one of several mechanisms for public involvement and offers an opportunity for community members to learn about the restoration program and advise the RAB about community issues related to the cleanup.

As the Depot is a former military storage facility, part of the Environmental Restoration Program is verifying possible disposal locations of chemical warfare materials and explosive ordnance on Dunn Field.

Parsons Engineering Science, an environmental engineering company based in Atlanta, Georgia, is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct the Dunn Field Site Characterization.

The Parsons team is comprised of geologists, geophysicists, engineers, and health and safety specialists. In the first phase of the Site Characterization, which began at the end of January, the team uses existing maps and surveys of Dunn Field to pinpoint historic disposal sites.

The Parsons team is conducting geophysical surveys with electromagnetic instruments that scan over the surface, much like a metal detector, in order to identify the possible location of any metal objects or areas of disturbed soil.

Once the disposal locations are verified, the second phase of the Site Characterization will involve soil and water sampling around the suspected disposal sites in order to identify the possible presence and nature of any chemical warfare or explosive material.

Parsons expects to complete the Dunn Field Site Characterization by August 1998. Once the field investigation is complete, the engineers will then recommend removal and cleanup options, if required.

## PHIL AMIDO

### DEPOT SITE MANAGER

## PROFILE:



His official title is Site Manager and that means Phil Amido is responsible for making sure everything at the Depot runs smoothly.

Originally from California, Amido is now proud to call Memphis home. He's lived here on and off over the years and has been working at the Depot in one capacity or another since he first arrived for a military posting in 1976.

"After my military posting, I left Memphis for a while, but I came back in 1982 as a civilian and started working at the Depot as a Distribution Specialist," said Amido. "Since then, I've been in Memphis and working at or near the Depot for all but a year and a half when I left for an internship at the Defense Logistic Agency (DLA) headquarters."

Amido was promoted to the position of Distribution Manager for the Depot in 1986, responsible for all of the logistics and supply operations for the entire facility. He also did double duty as the Distribution Manager for the DLA's Memphis regional office.

When the Depot officially closed on September 30, 1997, he took over the role of Site Manager and has been given the responsibility of ensuring a smooth transition during the cleanup and turnover of the facility to the community.

"Even though the Depot is officially closed, there's still a lot going on here," said Amido. "Essentially, I'm responsible for overseeing three different managers who are responsible for the day-to-day operational areas: the environmental restoration program, overall program and project

management, and basic maintenance of the facility."

One of his roles is to act as the liaison between all of the groups and agencies involved in the cleanup and closure procedure, such as the Defense Logistic Agency (DLA), the Depot Redevelopment Corporation (DRC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), and the community.

"So far, most of my work has been on the logistics side," said Amido. "However, I'm looking forward to getting more involved in working with the public and the DRC by helping them determine appropriate future uses for the Depot. With my background in logistics, I know how everything was used in the past, and I think that information could be helpful in determining how it might be used in the future."

Amido, 47, lives with his wife Evelyn and his two children, Angela and Christopher, in a neighborhood six miles away from the Depot. "Having worked at the Depot for so long, he's eager to share his knowledge about the site and the Depot's overall restoration efforts with the community."

"Knowledge is power, and I want to make sure that everyone in this community has all of the information they need about what's happening here so that they don't have to wonder and perhaps worry," said Amido. "I've worked and lived nearby here a long time, and I'm absolutely confident about the safety of our staff. I'm looking forward to getting out into the community and talking with people, giving them the information they need so that they can feel the same level of confidence I feel. We have a great opportunity here to work together in order to ensure the best possible future for this site."

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....

The Information Repositories are at the following locations:

The Depot, 2163 Airways Blvd.,  
Memphis, TN (901) 544-0618

The Community Outreach Room is located in Building 144 within the Environmental Division offices. Park at Gate 1 and enter through the front door. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call ahead to ensure we are available to help you.

Memphis/Shelby County Health  
Department, Pollution Control Division  
814 Jefferson Ave., Memphis, TN  
(901) 576-7775

The Pollution Control Division is open Monday  
to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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6:30 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

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Main Branch, 1850 Peabody, Memphis,  
TN (901) 725-8877

The Main Branch is open Monday to Thursday from  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m.  
to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

## HOW TO REACH US....

The Depot's Environmental Restoration Program is being coordinated through the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. Guiding the program is the BRAC Cleanup Team (RCT) that is comprised of representatives from the Department of Defense, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).

If you have any questions or comments about the Depot's Environmental Restoration Program, please feel free to contact any one of the following RCT members:

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