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Dear Mr. Phillips :

As per our May 28 meeting, your staff (1) stressed the need for better communication between ATSDR and the other government organizations in the Memphis area and (2) asked that ATSDR collaborate with your staff when providing information to local residents.

In response, we invited your staff to participate on the Health Education and Promotion Subgroup that was formed at the first meeting of The Greater Memphis Area Environmental Justice Work Group. One of the activities of the Subgroup is to educate local citizens on environmental health issues and to promote community involvement in environmental health activities. At this time, I am extending a formal invitation for your staff to participate on the Health Education and Promotion Subgroup. Your participation will greatly enhance the Subgroup's ability to contact those persons defined by the Depot as 'community members.'

Mr. Terry Flynn has agreed to participate on the Subgroup. However, if there are additional persons you want to include on the Subgroup, please take the time to contact Joe Maloney, lead for the Health Education and Promotion Subgroup, regarding your decision. Mr. Maloney can be reached at (404)639-6350.

Also, during our meeting, your staff and other representatives from the Memphis Shelby County Health Department and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation expressed concerns about the Work Group. As promised, I forwarded those concerns to Dr. Rueben C. Warren, Associate Administrator, Office of Urban Affairs, and Dr. Warren encourages you to contact him directly to discuss your concerns. He can be reached at (404)639-5060.

We are in the initial stages of planning the follow up meeting for the Work Group and at the present time anticipate convening a one day meeting in early to mid-September. Please let me know whether this time frame is convenient for you. Also, your suggestions regarding a meeting location, agenda items and times, dates, additional participant names, etc. are appreciated.

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Dr. John Crellin continues to make progress on the Site Review and Update (SRU) of the Depot and predicts an initial draft by July 31, 1998. Prior to that time he will provide your staff with copies of environmental data contained in the SRU for verification of accuracy and correctness. As was discussed and agreed upon during the first Work Group meeting, once an initial draft is available, we will mail it to Work Group participants and other interested parties for their review and as an opportunity to provide comments. We will accept comments and address them, as appropriate, into a new draft document. This document will be distributed as the SRU for public comment.

Finally, I have not received information offered by Mr. Phil Amido during our discussion regarding additional environmental and health data vital to ATSDR's evaluation. That information includes (1) a point of contact for persons responsible for space storage within the Defense Logistical Agency, (2) a point of contact for persons responsible for security matters, and (3) profiles of Depot storage areas.

If I can provide additional assistance or clarification, please contact me at (404) 639-6047.

Sincerely yours,



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