

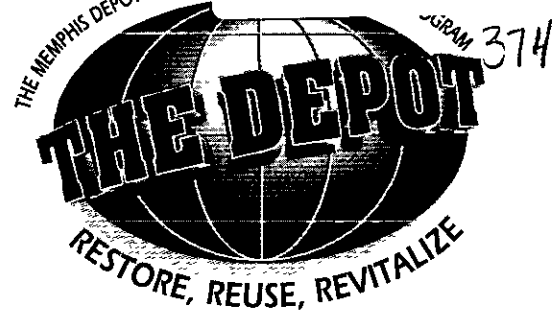
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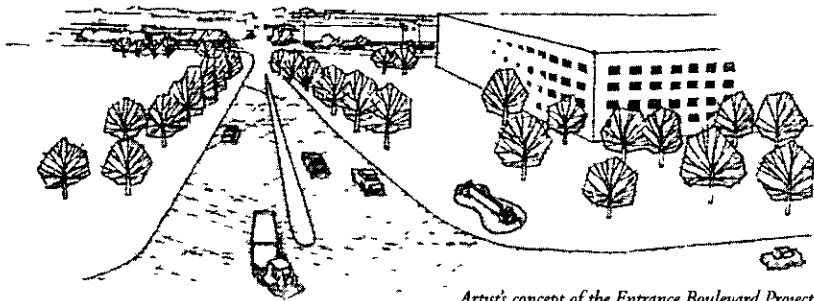
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Depot visitors must now use Gate 2



Artist's concept of the Entrance Boulevard Project

The Depot Redevelopment Corporation of Memphis and Shelby County began construction of Phase 1 of the Road Improvement Project along the corridor of Gate 1 on April 12, 1999. Until completion of the project in June 2000, Gate 1 will be closed and Gate 2 will be used as the main entrance to the Memphis Depot.

This entrance boulevard project will construct a four-lane road that runs east to west entering off Airways Boulevard and this will become the main artery of the facility. For more information about the Road Improvement Project, call the Depot Redevelopment Corporation at (901) 942-4939. □

Environmental Documents Now on Compact Disks/CD ROM

The Depot's environmental cleanup program has produced numerous reports, letters, meeting minutes and summary of findings that document the history of the cleanup program and upon which all cleanup decisions are based. These are available for your review at each of the Information Repositories (see back for locations and hours of access)

Recently, copies of these materials were put on compact disks/CD ROM for your ease of review and research. Now you can scan, page-by-page, through all documents from a computer at the libraries or the Depot. Future documents will also be put on compact disks at regular intervals during the year.

Compact disks offer the benefit of

searching by keyword through all documents for specific information. For example, if you want to review the history of decisions for a particular area of the Depot or look at the data for an individual chemical, simply type in the keywords and have the computer assist in the research. This method will save you time and be more convenient for reviewing materials.

While paper copies of these materials will continue to be available at the Cherokee Branch library, the disks will help to reduce wear and tear and maintain the integrity of the documents. We have also provided a set of basic instructions on how to use the compact disks and computer program in order to search for the

UPCOMING RAB MEETINGS

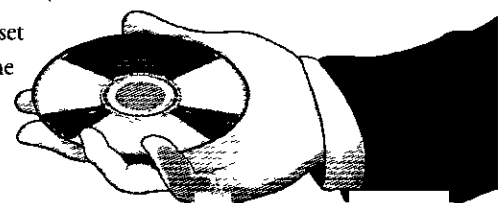
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meetings are open to all community members. You are invited to attend and learn about the environmental cleanup program and to raise issues of interest or concern with members of the Board.

The next meetings will be held
May 20/99
June 17/99

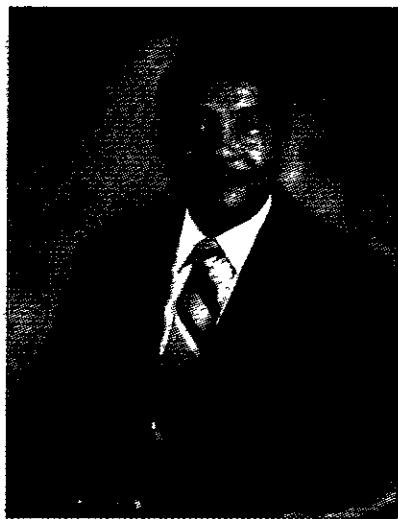
Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the "J" Street Cafe at the Depot, 2163 Airways Blvd., Memphis, TN. Enter through Gate 2, proceed through guard entrance and follow the signs. □

information you desire.

Reminder: To access Information Repository materials at the Depot, please call ahead for an appointment to ensure that our community relations staff can be available to assist with finding the information in which you are interested. □



Interview with Dave Bond RAB Member



Mr. Dave Bond has been a member of the Depot's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for two years. He is a member of the North Bridgeport Block Club and retired as principal of Bethel Grove

Elementary School after 34 years of service with the Memphis City Schools. Mr. Bond is also superintendent of the Sunday School at East Trigg Baptist Church.

Q: How did you become a member of the RAB?

Two years ago I saw an advertisement in the Commercial Appeal newspaper about a community seat available on the RAB. I submitted an application and was asked to join the RAB. I live near the Depot, and I'm concerned about the environmental cleanup activities at the Depot.

Q: What concerns you most about the cleanup of the Depot?

The cleanup process has been very slow. As a RAB member, I get hands-on information about the many sampling efforts, as well as tests that are necessary in order for the BRAC Cleanup Team to make decisions regarding the various cleanup projects. I'd like to see the Depot cleaned up as soon as possible.

Q: What concerns do your neighbors have about the Depot?

My neighbors have mixed feelings. Some community members feel there hasn't been any health hazards and some feel that there are some health concerns as a result of the many years the Depot operated. The response from the community members that I've spoken with is for the Depot to be cleaned up as safely and quickly as possible so that jobs can come back to the Depot and the community can thrive again.

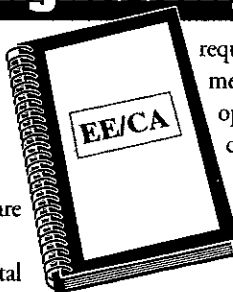
Q: What would you like to see happen to the Depot property after it has been cleaned up?

I'd like to see small industry, office buildings and warehouses occupy space at the Depot. I'd like for the Depot Redevelopment Corporation (DRC) to make sure that chemical plants and other toxic plants can not occupy space at the facility. I hope that the future occupants of the Depot are heavily monitored and regulated so we won't have these kinds of environmental concerns repeated in the future. □

What is an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA)?

An EE/CA is an analysis of suitable cleanup alternatives for a site that will be considered by the Base Realignment and Closure Cleanup Team (BRAC Cleanup Team). EE/CAs compare the effectiveness, ability to accomplish cleanup goals and total cost of cleanup alternatives, and then recommends an alternative that best meets the criteria.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) will review and comment on the EE/CA and the recommended alternative. After receiving EPA and TDEC comments, the Depot is required to make the EE/CA available and conduct a 30-calendar day public comment period. In addition to this



requirement, the Depot will conduct a public meeting to provide the community an opportunity to give verbal comments. The community may also provide verbal comments on the Depot's environmental information line, (901) 544-0618.

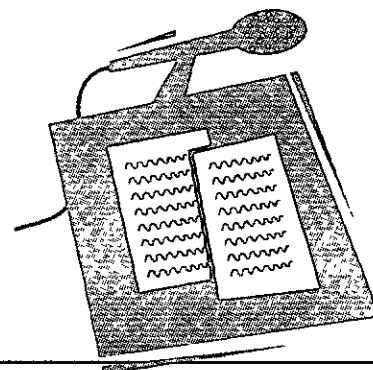
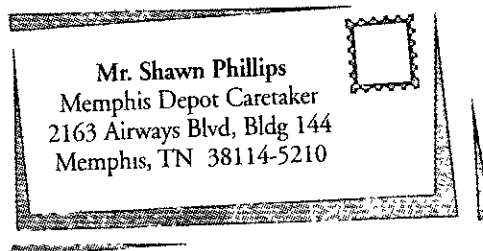
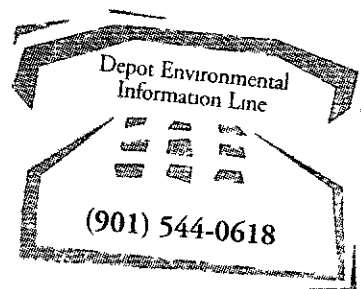
Written comments may be provided at any time during the 30-calendar day public comment period by writing to Mr. Shawn Phillips (see address below).

A number of EE/CAs are currently being reviewed by EPA and TDEC. One of these EE/CAs recommends alternatives to cleanup the old paint shop and maintenance area in the southwest corner of the Main Installation. Currently, the Depot plans on opening the 30-day public comment period for this EE/CA on May 17, 1999, and conducting the public meeting in conjunction with the May 20,

1999, Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting.

Another EE/CA recommends an alternative for cleaning up the Chemical Agent Identification Sets (CAIS) disposal trench, chlorinated lime slurry pit used to neutralize mustard agent from 29 captured German bomb casings and the bomb casing burial trench. The Depot plans on opening the 30-day public comment period on June 1, 1999, and conducting the public meeting on June 17, 1999.

Call the Depot's community relations office at (901) 544-0613 for an update on the EE/CAs, public comment periods and public meetings that will be held this spring and summer. We encourage you to attend the upcoming public meetings to express concerns that you may have.



Depot Public Meetings.... What to Expect

The purpose of formal public meetings is to allow citizens the opportunity to provide comments about specific cleanup projects at the Depot. Public meetings allow Depot staff and contractors the opportunity to:

- assist the public in fully understanding the project-specific recommended cleanup alternative; and
- provide local officials and citizens an opportunity to make comments and voice concerns.

Depot public meetings will be recorded and transcribed, and a facilitator will conduct these meetings. Please note that public comments will not be responded to during the public meeting, but written responses will be made available at the Information Repositories for comments relative to the EE/CA or topic being addressed at the specific public meeting. Sign-in upon entering the public meeting and copies of the transcribed meeting will be mailed to you.

Public meetings and availability sessions will be held for the following Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CAs):

1999
MAY 20th

Old Paint Shop and Maintenance Area - Parcels 35 and 28, Main Installation

The Memphis Depot, "J" Street Cafe

4:00-6:00 p.m. Availability Session.

Visit agency and contractor booths - ask questions at your leisure

6:00-7:30 p.m. Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting

The meeting is open to the public. A briefing describing the recommended cleanup alternatives will be presented

7:30-8:30 p.m. Public Comment Period - The public is invited to comment on the recommended alternatives presented.

1999
JUNE 17th

Operable Unit I/Chemical Warfare Materials Removal at Dunn Field

The Memphis Depot, "J" Street Cafe

4:00-6:00 p.m. Availability Session.

Visit agency and contractor booths - ask questions at your leisure.

6:00-7:30 p.m. Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. A briefing describing the recommended cleanup alternatives and community safety procedures will be presented by the government agencies involved with the project.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Public Comment Period - The public is invited to comment on the recommended alternatives presented.

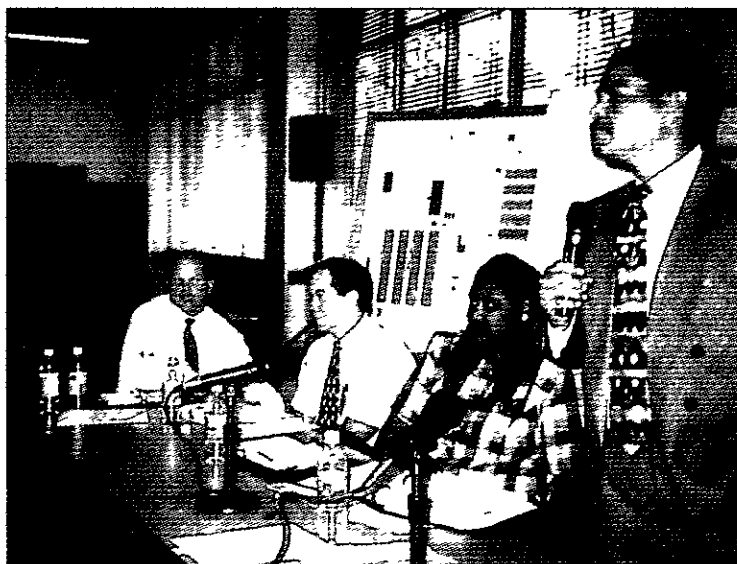
Mark your calendars to attend both public meetings. We welcome your input and comments. For more information call the Depot's Community Relations office at (901) 544-0613.

Contracting Opportunities Draw Great Interest From Local Businesses

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District recently conducted a *Preplaced Remedial Action Contract (PRAC)* conference at the Memphis Depot. Contractors and subcontractors from several states convened to ask questions about procedures to bid for an upcoming environmental cleanup contract worth over \$14 million dollars. Speakers included Leo Hickman, Contracting Officer from the Mobile District, and Sandra

Jackson from the Small Business Administration office, Nashville. Other panelists included Kurt Braun, Jacalyn Jenkins, Liz Cotton, Mike Abeln and Ron Kalifeh from the Mobile District, and Mike Fulford and Edna Sheridan of the Corps Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members also were enlightened about contracting procedures during the presentation by Leo Hickman at the April 15 RAB



(L-R) Mike Abeln, Ron Kalifeh, Jacalyn Jenkins and Leo Hickman



(L-R) Edna Sheridan and Sandra Jackson

meeting. Staff from the Corps of Engineers, Mobile and Huntsville, remained after the RAB meeting to answer questions from RAB members, community members, contractors and subcontractors. □

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Suite 137 Memphis, TN (901) 544-0613
The Community Reading Room is located in Building
144 within the Environmental Division offices. Enter at
Gate 2. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 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.

Memphis/Shelby County Public Library,
Cherokee Branch, 3300 Sharpe Ave.,
Memphis, TN (901) 743-3655
The Cherokee Branch is open Monday to Wednesday
from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday from noon to
6:30 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

Memphis/Shelby County Public Library,
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 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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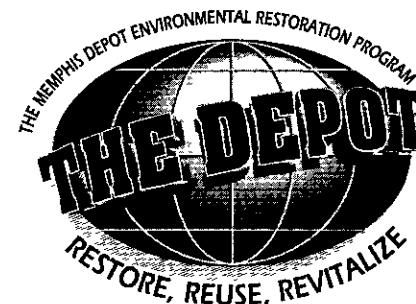
If you have any questions or comments about the Depot's environmental restoration program, please feel free to contact any one of the following representatives from the Memphis Depot, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB):

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