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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Memphis TN,  
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SUBJECT: Role of Other Government Agencies in Defense  
Distribution Depot Memphis TN (DDMT) Site Restoration Program

1. Reference memorandum, DDMT-WP, 28 June 1993, SAB.
2. In accordance with reference memorandum the following information is provided.
3. The Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Division is responsible for assisting DDMT in the planning and execution of the installation restoration program (IRP) at DDMT. Special areas of emphasis are providing the following services: life-cycle project management for the IRP; scoping, negotiating, awarding, and managing Architect-Engineer (AE) contracts for all phases of the IRP (remedial investigation, feasibility study, removal actions, remedial design); providing completed plans and specifications to the geographical military construction district (i.e., Mobile District) for construction of any remedial actions or removal actions; on-site project support during field operations; assistance with regulatory negotiations and community relations; and detailed review of all technical submittals.
4. As mentioned in the reference, several other Federal agencies also have roles in the DDMT IRP. These agencies include the U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency (USAEHA); the Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry (ATSDR); and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). A brief description of the roles of these agencies follows.
  - a. Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry (ATSDR). ATSDR is a branch of the U.S. Public Health Service, which is subordinate to the Department for Health and Human Services. The ATSDR is required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to perform public health assessment and effect studies on hazardous waste sites. Studies are performed on sites listed on the National Priorities List (NPL) and sites that are the subject of public petitions, for which ATSDR has agreed that review is warranted. The ATSDR

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health assessment is an analysis and statement of the public health implications posed by the installation. This health assessment evaluates relevant environmental data, health outcome data, and community concerns associated with a site where hazardous substances have been released. The health assessment also identifies populations living or working on or near hazardous waste sites for which more extensive public health actions or studies are indicated. Other ATSDR functions in support of the DoD IRP are to develop toxicological profiles of DoD submitted, unregulated, hazardous substances and to perform health studies of potentially exposed populations. The ATSDR is not directly funded by either DDMT or DLA. However, ATSDR is partially funded by DoD.

b. U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency (USAEHA). The USAEHA has been supporting the DDMT IRP as an environmental health consultant. In this role, USAEHA has been providing both document review and on-site assistance to address health-related concerns and communication of health concerns to the public. The USAEHA provides a matrixed review of the various documents submitted in support of the DDMT IRP. Their primary focus is on reviewing the health risk assessment (HRA) and the documents that are involved in preparing the health risk assessment. The HRA is usually submitted as part of the RI report and ultimately drives the clean-up of IRP sites. The USAEHA is directly funded by DLA and has provided numerous environmental health and engineering support services to DLA installations worldwide over the last 15-20 years. These services include environmental quality surveys, environmental operations reviews, special consultations, and on-site quick response actions (such as the PCP Dip Vat support in 1985-1986). Enclosed is a copy of Department of the Army Pamphlet 40-578, Health Risk Assessment Guidance for the Installation Restoration Program and Formerly Used Defense Sites (encl 1), that describes the USAEHA role in the HRA process. It is also important to note that USAEHA acts as the Tri-Service point-of-contact for initiating ATSDR services for DoD installations.

c. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The USGS is organized under the Department of the Interior. The USGS is a technical consultant to the EPA for this project (i.e., they review documents submitted by DDMT to EPA and submit technical comments on geology, geophysics, hydrology, and other scientific disciplines that will impact the DDMT IRP). The USGS has an interagency agreement with the EPA to provide support services.

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They are also assisting both the EPA and the Corps of Engineers by preparing a proposal to electronically compile existing USGS information on the area proximate to DDMT. It is hoped that this information will be quite useful in establishing baseline geological and hydrological conditions that can be used for the investigation and subsequent remediation.

5. We hope this memorandum has answered your questions concerning roles of various Federal agencies and the DDMT IRP. If you have any further questions please contact CPT Michael Dell'Orco at 205-955-1514.

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