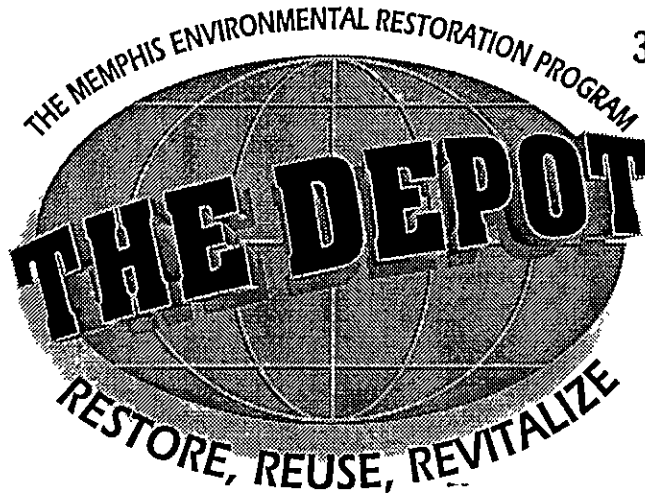




THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD COVER SHEET

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INSTALLATION OF TEST WELLS AT DUNN FIELD

As part of the Depot's ongoing cleanup program, soil will be sampled and test wells will be installed around suspected chemical warfare materiel burial locations at Dunn Field. **Work will begin on Tuesday, August 4 and conclude by Friday, August 21, 1998.**

Results from the well and soil sampling will help determine if any chemical warfare materiel or breakdown products of the chemical warfare materiel have moved away from the original burial location.

You will see drill rigs and about 15-20 people in specially designed chemical safety suits wearing respiration equipment at Dunn Field installing the test wells and taking soil samples. There will be some noise from the drilling at Dunn Field. We hope this will not be a nuisance to you.

The information gained from the well and soil sampling will be used to evaluate alternatives for cleanup of the chemical warfare materiel burial locations. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Environmental Protection Agency will review this information and be involved in the cleanup alternative evaluation. We will also make this information available to the public for review and comment before any cleanup actions begin. We anticipate this information will become available in early 1999.

PRACTICING OUR SAFETY PROCEDURES

As a precautionary measure, we will also conduct a test of our emergency safety procedures on **Tuesday, August 4, 1998**. The exercise will help ensure that all the environmental workers at Dunn Field use proper safety procedures and can properly perform emergency procedures such as removing an injured worker from the work area.

It is important to be prepared for any emergency to properly protect the health and safety of the workers and our neighbors. The Army Corps of Engineers routinely tests their safety plans before starting work as a normal work procedure.

You may see workers in the specially designed chemical safety suits and respiration equipment portraying injured workers during this exercise.

These efforts are all a part of the Depot's commitment to restore, reuse and revitalize this facility. We encourage you to attend community meetings and call us with your input or suggestions. Our next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting is August 20, 1998 at 6 p.m. in the Commander's Conference Room, Building 144 at the Depot. Park at Gate 1 and enter through the side door.

We are also hosting a Community Information Session on Saturday, September 19, 1998, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Corry Junior High School.

If you have any further questions, please call Alma Black Moore at (901) 544-0613 or our environmental division at (901) 544-0618.

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