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Beginning next month, chemical warfare materiel will be removed at Dunn Field. Several organizations will be involved in the project including the Defense Distribution Center, The Memphis Depot, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CH2M Hill, Sverdrup Environmental, Inc., PM Non Stockpile, UXB International, Technical Escort Unit, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC), Defense Depot Memphis Tennessee Concerned Citizen's Committee, Memphis Depot Redevelopment Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Preventive Medical National Center for Environmental Health, Memphis Light, Gas & Water and Local Emergency Management Agency (LEMA). Pictured are representatives from some of the organizations at the ribbon cutting for the Dunn Field project — Tom Rosso, ECBC, Randy Reed, UXB; Jordan English (TDEC), Clyde Hunt, Corps of Engineers, Shawn Phillips, The Depot, Turpin Ballard, EPA, Steve Dunn, Corps of Engineers, Jerry Surrency, TEU, and Tiki Whitfield, EPA.

## Chemical Warfare Removal Project To Begin At Dunn Field

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After several years of investigation and planning, the chemical warfare materiel (CWM) will be removed from the ground at Dunn Field starting in April 2000. Preparations are underway for the removal action that should be completed in July.

CWM includes materials such as clothing; petroleum, oil and lubricant materials, eye ointments

and other outdated medical products, as well as, other items which were buried many years ago. Burial of no longer useable materials was the method used to dispose of these materials. Those involved in the Dunn Field Project will remove and safely dispose of these materials as part of the cleanup project at the Memphis Depot.

By the end of March, the

U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Ala., and their contractors should have completed the personnel training and site preparation to include setting up the state-of-the-art Vapor Containment Structure (VCS) and the monitoring equipment to ensure a safe, effective removal. The VCS is an airtight, tent-like structure that has been used successfully at removal sites across the U.S. and is designed to provide the highest possible level of protection for workers and the community. The VCS is equipped with an air filtration system, as well as video cameras and monitoring equipment to maintain safety throughout the project.

A couple of Community Information Sessions have been held to inform the public about the removal action and regular updates on the CWM project will be given at monthly Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meetings and weekly briefings until the project is completed. The location and time of each meeting will be announced.

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