



THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD COVER SHEET

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DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY
DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION REGION CENTRAL
2163 AIRWAYS BOULEVARD
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38114-5210



IN REPLY
REFER TO

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OCT 12 1993

Mr. John Leonard
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Stormwater
2500 Mr. Moriah, Suite E645
Memphis TN 38115-1511

Dear Mr. Leonard,

While conducting community interviews with residents of the of our attention was drawn to a problem with substances other than water flowing through the ditch which runs at the end of the street and through two yards. Mrs. Cora Johnson of showed us pictures taken after a heavy rain of a yellow substance in the ditch. Other residents also complained of oil and other unidentified substances flowing through the ditch after heavy rains.

Mrs. Johnson said she called the Mayor's Action Office and that a week later someone from the Health Department came to take samples. She received a call about one month later and was told the substance may be paint. Mrs. Johnson has a small vegetable garden by the ditch and there are children in the neighborhood who may be playing in the ditch. She and the other residents of Rozelle are concerned about the substances in the ditch.

The Depot has visually checked the stormwater run-off point from Dunn Field leading into this ditch before and after heavy rains. No evidence of substances other than water has been seen. The only products stored at Dunn Field are covered piles of bauxite and florspar and large spools of wire. Other businesses also have stormwater run-off points leading into this ditch.

Please look into this situation. For more information please contact Ms. Christine Kartman at (901) 775-4568.

Sincerely,

Douglas S. Waters, Jr.
DOUGLAS S. WATERS, JR., P.E.
Chief, Installation Services and
Environmental Protection Division

cc:

Mrs. Cora Johnson

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