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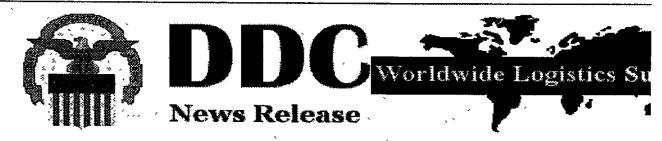
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Depot to host Community Information Meeting

CWM Removal Project set to begin at Dunn Field

MEMPHIS, TN - 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 2000.

By the end of March, the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, AL 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.

Prior to the start of the CWM removal, the Depot will host two special information sessions to share information with the media and the community about the CWM removal project.

The media is invited to attend a special Media Day information session on March 17, 10 a.m. at the Depot. This event will allow the media the opportunity to gather information about the upcoming CWM removal project. A Community Information Session will be held on Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Corry Middle School, 2230 Corry Road, to share information with the community.

Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, the Memphis Emergency Management Agency and the

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Product Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel will be available at both the Media Day and the Community Information Session to answer questions about their roles in this phase of the Memphis Depot's environmental cleanup. The CWM team will also provide regular updates on the CWM project at monthly Restoration Advisory Board meetings and weekly briefings. These briefings are scheduled to begin in early April and continue through to the end of the project. The times and locations of these meetings will be announced as soon as possible.

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