



# THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## DEPOT CLARIFICATION

To the Editor:

I read with interest Phil Campbell's article on the Memphis Depot and the involvement of Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw (Cover Story, November 26th issue). I found his analysis of the Depot's environment cleanup program to be balanced, with just a few points that require further clarification.

Since I assumed my position as the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) environment coordinator some six months ago, one of my primary objectives has been to work with neighbors, community groups, and the members of our Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) to create an effective dialogue with the community. Our program is based on three important initiatives: to restore, reuse, and revitalize the Depot for the betterment of our community.

The involvement of the Bradshaws, our 20 RAB members (one of whom is Mrs. Bradshaw), and all other individuals and groups that have attended our meetings and community information sessions is an important part of our overall program. We value the input we receive from the community and we endeavor to accommodate their requests as our restoration program continues.

Unfortunately, Mr. Campbell's report contained some errors that require correction. First, I am employed by Defense Logistics Agency and not the Corps of Engineers. I report to the Deputy Commander for Installations of the Defense Distribution Depot in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania and not Mr. John DeBack. Mr. DeBack reports to the office of the Secretary of Defense and his role is to facilitate the transfer of the Depot to the city.

With respect to the number of drainage ditches mentioned in the article, I'm not certain where the number 22 comes from. Our count indicates there are nine drainage points that originate from the Depot and that none flow to Dunn Elementary School. Unfortunately, the article gives the public the sense that one of the Depot's nine drainage points runs through Dunn School. There is a storm-water ditch that runs under Hamilton High School but it is not part of the Depot's storm-water drainage system.

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