



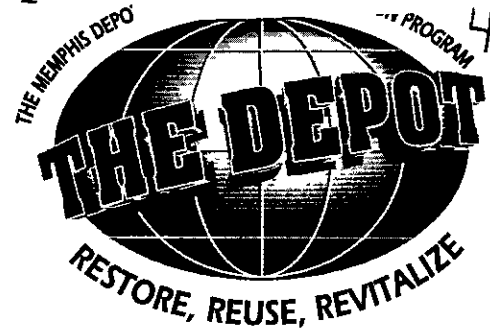
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RAB MEMBER PROFILE:

One-on-one with Reginald Eskridge

Reginald Eskridge knows how important process is. As a lawyer, he depends on it to serve his clients. As the newest member of the Memphis Depot Restoration Advisory Board, his goal is to help his fellow community members better understand the environmental cleanup process at the Depot so that they can become more involved in it.



"I think it is important for the community to understand that once the cleanup and restoration phase comes to an end, there will no longer be an opportunity to voice the concerns they may have – health or otherwise," said Mr. Eskridge, who was elected to the RAB on October 21, 1999. "Now is the time to make their concerns known, while the various governmental agencies are available to offer assistance."

A partner in the law firm of Eskridge and Eskridge with his wife, Janelle, Mr. Eskridge first became interested in the cleanup program at the Depot when he attended several community meetings about the Depot closure and restoration process at Corry Middle School. As the Vice-President of the Harlem-Kerr Neighborhood Association, Mr. Eskridge says he knew that others in his community were also interested in learning more about Depot issues.

"I learned from fellow neighborhood association members and friends that they have always had concerns

about the Depot's presence in the area, especially with regard to the possibility of health hazards. With respect to the cleanup, they are concerned with how such efforts will affect the future of our community," said Eskridge, the father of two sons and a member of St. Augustine Church.

After his election to the RAB, Mr. Eskridge volunteered to serve on two RAB subcommittees so that he could learn first-hand about the cleanup process and be better able to present this information to his community. His immediate goals are to learn more about the steps taken so far, as well as the proposed efforts for the future, and to encourage the community to get more involved in the restoration phase currently underway at the Depot.

"I know that a great deal of time and effort has been expended on making information about the Depot available to the public in various information repositories and on the Internet. It is my desire to encourage and support the continued dissemination of such information." Mr. Eskridge plans to work on improving the present Depot website

Upcoming RAB Meetings

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meetings are open to all community members. You are invited to attend and learn about the environmental cleanup program and to raise issues of interest or concern with members of the Board.

Next meetings

January 20, 2000
February 17, 2000

Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the "J" Street Café at the Depot, 2163 Airways Blvd., Memphis, TN. Enter through Gate 2, proceed through the guard entrance and follow the signs. □

to include all documents related to the restoration and cleanup

"I would also like to explore the possibility of RAB members visiting all of the block clubs and other community and civic organizations in the immediate area surrounding the Depot for the purpose of making brief presentations on the cleanup and restoration efforts taking place on the site." □

REFLECTIONS ON 1999

Last year, the Memphis Depot completed a number of important steps in the ongoing environmental cleanup process. These achievements have allowed the Memphis Depot and the community to move closer to the goal of safely restoring the Depot property and returning it to productive reuse.

- A Finding of Suitability to Lease (FOSL 8) was completed for all remaining areas of the Main Installation that were not included in previous FOSLs. This was a significant milestone in the closure and property reuse program as it allowed property on the Main Installation to be subleased by the Depot Redevelopment Corporation of Memphis and Shelby County (DRC) to businesses.
- Dieldrin and PCB-impacted soil was removed from the "J" Street Café area. Lead-based paint and dieldrin impacted soil was removed from the housing area on the Main Installation.
- A Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) for the housing area was completed and provided to the public for review and comment. This document is an important part of the reuse of the property and is required for the property to be transferred from the Department of Defense.
- The Remedial Investigation (RI) fieldwork for the Main Installation and Dunn Field, which included groundwater sampling and a comprehensive soil-sampling program, was completed. The RI report has been drafted and will be available for public review in the spring. This information will be used to prepare the Feasibility Study of cleanup alternatives.
- Four more recovery wells were installed at Dunn Field as part of the pump and discharge system. Four more groundwater monitoring wells were installed west of Dunn Field to evaluate the effectiveness of the pump and discharge system.
- Copies of environmental documents and

the Administrative Record were put on CD ROM. The community can now access copies of documents related to the Depot cleanup program from the computers at the Information Repositories.

- A website with information about the Memphis Depot Caretaker Division's environmental restoration



Stanley Tyler checks out the new Depot website in the Information Repository located at Building 144 of the Main Installation. We thank Mr. Tyler for his assistance in the development of the website.

program was launched at www.ddc.dla.mil/memphis as another tool to keep the community informed about the ongoing cleanup. The site is still under construction, but will eventually contain documents related to the cleanup, current and past copies of EnviroNews, and links to other information on the restoration program.

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, awarded the \$15-million Preplaced Remedial Action Contract (PRAC) to Sverdrup Civil Engineering of

St. Louis, Missouri, for environmental cleanup activities at the Memphis Depot. Sverdrup plans to subcontract work to a number of local companies.

- The Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) recommending cleanup alternatives for the old paint shop and maintenance area, (parcels 35 and 28) was completed. A Public Comment Meeting was held May 20, 1999, at the Memphis Depot. Contractors and other agencies were available to answer questions regarding the EE/CA, and time was allotted for comments from the public. The formal public comment period began on May 17, and was extended through July 15.
- The EE/CA recommending cleanup alternatives for the chemical warfare materiel at Dunn Field was completed. A Public Comment Meeting and an Availability Session were held June 17, 1999, at the Memphis Depot. Contractors and other related agencies participated in the event and time set aside allotted for comments from the public. The formal public comment period began June 1, and was extended through August 9.
- S&W Asphalt and Paving completed construction of a paved road, applied grass seed and installed a temporary sprinkler system on more than 20 acres at Dunn Field. This action is controlling the dust at the site.
- All the fluorspar and bauxite mounds have been removed from Dunn Field. □

Removal of fluorspar piles from Dunn Field.



Our Legal Environment



Depot's Cleanup

In 1980, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) was passed by Congress to investigate and clean up sites, including federal facilities such as the Memphis Depot. The CERCLA sets out a series of steps for identifying and solving cleanup issues. Each step must be followed, completed and approved by federal and state environmental regulators before the next step can begin.

Step One:

1981 Preliminary Assessment (PA): Researched history of site and identified potential areas of environmental impact.

Step Two:

1986 Site Investigation (SI): Information from the PA was used to conduct sampling and analysis in order to better define possible locations of environmental impact.

Step Three:

1990 Remedial Investigation (RI): An initial RI, to determine the nature and extent of environmental impact, was conducted.

1990 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Assessment: EPA conducted a Facility Assessment and identified additional areas of concern.

1995 Follow-up RI: Workplans for a follow-up RI were completed and approved. The EPA and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).

1998 Chemical warfare materiel characterization: The fieldwork was completed to determine the extent and nature of the chemical warfare materiel (CWM) at Dunn Field.

Look Toward The Future... What to Expect in 2000!

The year 2000 will mark more steps forward in the ongoing cleanup program at the Memphis Depot. The following cleanup activities will take place during the first half of 2000:

- The Department of the Army and the Department of Health and Human Services will review and approve the chemical warfare materiel removal project Site Safety Submission early this year. The document outlines the federal, state and local agencies involved in the removal, the areas to be removed, air monitoring procedures, specific work and safety procedures, and the Memphis Local Emergency Management Agency's community emergency notification procedures.
- Work will begin to safely remove chemical warfare materiel from Dunn Field
- The Remedial Investigation (RI) reports for Dunn Field and the Main Installation (MI), which document the results of the environmental studies at these sites, will be available to the public in the spring
- Feasibility Studies, which summarize the findings of the RI reports and recommend cleanup alternatives for Dunn Field and the MI, will be available to the public in the summer. The cleanup alternatives approved

by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) will then be put forward for public review and comment in documents called the Proposed Plans.

- The cleanup at the old paint shop and main tenance areas at the southwest corner of the MI will begin based on the selected cleanup alternative from the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA). □



Shawn Phillips (left), BRAC Environmental Coordinator and facility Co-Chair of the RAB, talks to RAB Community Co-Chair Mondell Williams. The community is invited to attend RAB meetings to learn about the environmental cleanup program at the Depot.

RAB Members Visit CWM Site in Maryland

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members Eugene Brayon and Mondell Williams were chosen by their fellow RAB members to visit a chemical warfare materiel (CWM) removal site at Spring Valley, Maryland.

Accompanied by Shawn Phillips, the BRAC Environmental Coordinator at the Depot, and John DeBack, Base Transition Coordinator, Mr. Brayon and Mr. Williams toured the site on

December 9, 1999. They will report on their findings to the RAB members during the regularly scheduled RAB meeting on January 20, 2000

The purpose of their visit was to see first-hand how a CWM removal site operates. A CWM removal program is currently underway at the Memphis Depot, with the actual removal work scheduled to begin this year. □

Depot Planning Neighborhood Tour

The Memphis Depot would like to schedule visits with neighboring schools, churches, business and neighborhood associations, and other interested groups. We would like to come to your meeting place to share information with you about the Memphis Depot's ongoing environmental activities. These visits will also be to inform the community about the chemical warfare materiel removal project that is planned for the summer.

Call our Community Relations Office at (901) 544-0613 to schedule a visit. Our Community Relations Specialist will schedule a time to visit your group when it is convenient for your members. We welcome your call, and we look forward to talking one-on-one with more community groups throughout the year. □

RCLA Timeline

Step Four:

2000 Feasibility Study (FS): Based on the RI findings, the FS will recommend cleanup alternatives for Dunn Field and the MI. From the FS, a Proposed Plan documenting the preferred cleanup alternative will be provided to the public in the summer for review and comment.

1999 Follow-up RI fieldwork:

Groundwater, soil and sediment sampling was completed on the Main Installation (MI) and Dunn Field to determine the nature and extent of the environmental impact.

2000 RI Report: The final RI reports for Dunn Field and the MI, detailing the nature and extent of environmental impact, will be released in the spring.

Step Five:

2001 Remedial Design (RD): Implementation plans will be completed for the preferred cleanup alternatives for both Dunn Field and the MI.

Step Six:

2001 Remedial Action: The remaining cleanup work for the MI will begin.

2002 Remedial Action: The remaining cleanup work for Dunn Field will begin.

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144 Please call ahead for an appointment to ensure
that we are available to help you

Memphis/Shelby County Health
Department, Pollution Control Division
814 Jefferson Ave, Memphis, TN
(901) 576-7775
The Pollution Control Division is open Monday
to Friday from 7 30 a m to 4 30 p m

Memphis/Shelby County Public Library,
Cherokee Branch, 3300 Sharpe Ave,
Memphis, TN (901) 743-3655
The Cherokee Branch is open Monday to Wednesday
from 10 a m to 6 30 p m, Thursday from noon to
6 30 p m, and Saturday from noon to 6 p m

Memphis/Shelby County Public Library,
Main Branch, 1850 Peabody,
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HOW TO REACH US....

If you have any questions or comments about the Depot's environmental restoration program, please feel free to contact any one of the following representatives from the Memphis Depot, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB):

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