

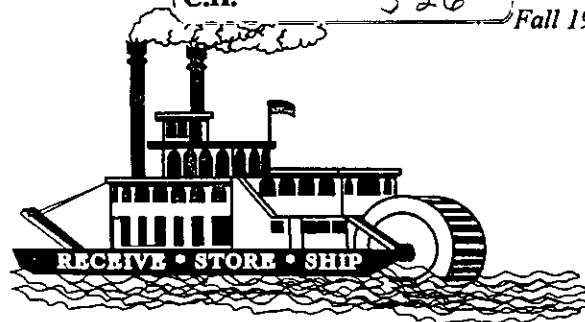


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The Restoration Newsletter *Defense Depot* *Memphis, Tennessee*



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This newsletter is distributed by the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis to inform the public of the ongoing restoration efforts underway at the Depot.

This newsletter is designed to inform the community of the past activities as well as the future plans for restoration at the facility.

TOWN HALL MEETING

The Depot participated in a Town Hall Meeting on June 26, 1995 at the Glenview Community Center.

Ms. Janet Hooks, Memphis City Council Chairperson, moderated the meeting. The Corps of Engineers presented information on the Groundwater Sampling results and the Agency for Toxic Disease Registry (ATSDR) also provided a recap of the public health assessment that was recently completed. The results of this health assessment was that no pathway of contamination exists at this time.

We hope this meeting was informative to everyone who attended and we plan to continue to participate in future Town Hall Meetings.

ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE SURVEY

The Environmental Baseline Survey Report (EBS) was initiated in December, 1995 as part of the Base Closure Activities at the Depot.

The EBS includes the review of existing installation environmental documents; federal, state and local government records; and aerial photographs. A site visit, which includes visual inspections and employee interviews, was also conducted. The EBS report describes the environmental condition of the property and will be used to support determination of the suitability to transfer or lease.

The objective of the BRAC Cleanup Plan is to expedite and improve environmental response actions to facilitate disposal and reuse while protecting public health and the environment. The review for all parts of the Depot includes hazardous materials, hazardous wastes, petroleum products, asbestos, radon, lead-based paint, PCBs, and radionuclides.

The BRAC Property Transfer Process involves sampling of soil and buildings. If clean, it is ready for lease or transfer; if not, samples must be taken. If cleanup is required it must go through remedial design and remedial action before it can be leased or transferred.

The final report is due in October 1996 for public review at the information repositories. (See page 3 for locations).

SAMPLING ON THE DEPOT

Beginning the week of October 14, 1996 the Depot began collecting soil and building samples to determine environmental conditions on the Depot. Testing will enable us to compare the Depot's conditions to normal conditions within the Memphis/Shelby County area.

The results of these tests should be available in the Spring of 1997.

Defense Environmental Response Task Force

The Defense Environmental Response Task Force (DERTF) was established by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 and was reconstituted and reconvened by the Military Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1993. The DERTF functions as a Department of Defense (DoD) Federal Advisory Committee and provides an annual report to Congress on its findings and recommendations. The DERTF has held ten meetings since September 1993 around the country. The tenth meeting was held in Memphis September 18 - 20, 1996, and was hosted by Ms. Pat Rivers the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Cleanup).

The DERTF members discussed the following topics: Future land use and institutional controls, BRAC Program indicators, state involvement in the Fast-Track Cleanup Program, the 1996 annual report to Congress, and a visit to the Depot.

During their visit to Memphis the DERTF members heard presentations from Colonel Michael Kennedy, Commander of the Depot, the BRAC Cleanup Team (Christine Kartman; Base

Environmental Coordinator; Dann Spariosu, EPA and Jordan English, TDEC) and Cynthia

Buchanan, Memphis Depot Redevelopment Agency.

The DERTF also toured the Depot and attended the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting at the Depot.

REMOVAL OF STOCKPILES AT DUNN FIELD

Recently, you have probably noticed the work taking place at Dunn Field. The Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) has sold some of the fluorspar piles and their contractors have been removing the material from Dunn Field. Currently, DNSC maintains two piles of metallurgical bauxite, one pile of refractory bauxite and seven piles of acid-grade fluorspar at the Depot.

Bauxite is a reddish-pink, naturally-occurring material primarily composed of aluminum hydroxide minerals and various mixtures of aluminum silicate, and other chemicals in minor or trace amounts. The bauxite derivative, alumina is the principal feedstock for the primary aluminum metal industry. Metallurgical bauxite is primarily used in the manufacture of aluminum. The bauxite piles at the Depot are uncovered; however, there is no known health or environmental hazard associated with the storage piles.

Fluorspar is a product resulting from processing of naturally-occurring mineral fluorite. Natural fluorite primarily contains calcium and fluoride. Fluorspar is a gray, very fine-grained material and a covering is required to prevent erosion of the material by both rain and wind. At this time there is no known health threat or environmental hazard associated with this material.

The DNSC anticipates that further actions to sell and remove the fluorspar and bauxite piles will continue into next year until all the piles have been removed. All stockpile material will eventually be removed due to the closure of the Depot.

We appreciate your patience during this removal process, we are taking appropriate actions to control the dust caused by this action. The Depot and DNSC will ensure that the stockpile material and roads are dampened with water and that trucks travel slowly in order to reduce the dust.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE MASTER LEASE

The Defense Distribution Depot has begun the Environmental Assessment for Interim Leasing of the main installation.

Under the process established by the Defense Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the United States Army conducted a scoping meeting on July 23, 1996 to solicit public input on the potential environmental effects of the proposed disposal and reuse of the Depot. The meeting was held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel.

A Finding of No Significant Impact has been issued concerning granting of a Master Interim Lease of the main installation. DLA plans to initiate this action after a 30 day comment period which will end on November 3, 1996. Send comments on the EA to Mr. Jerry Jones U.S. Corp of Engineers, Mobile District, 109 St. Joseph St., Mobile, AL 36602.

THE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meets on the third Thursday of each month to act as an advisory board during the environmental assessment process.

The group has reviewed technical data and work plans for proposed environmental activities at the Depot to ensure public involvement in this process.

The RAB is made up of the following members:

Technical Representatives

Dann Spariosu	EPA
Jordan English	TDEC
Carter Gray	Memphis/Shelby County Health Dept.
Janet Hooks	Memphis City Council
Dr. Cleo Kirk	Shelby County Commission
Larry Smith	Mid-South Peace and Justice Center
James Webb	Memphis Light, Gas and Water Company

Citizen Representatives

Karen Blanks McGlown	Dave Bond
Eugene Brayon	John Garrison
Teri Gray	Johnnie Mae Peters
Veronica Smith	Ulysses Truitt
Willie Mae Willett	Mondell Williams

There have been some changes in the board members because of BRAC. The next RAB meeting is scheduled for October 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commander's Conference Room at the Depot. RAB meetings are open to the public.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information call the Depot's Environmental Office at (901) 775-4568.

To review copies of documents related to the restoration at the Depot, information has been placed in the following repositories for public review.

Memphis/Shelby County Library
Main Branch, Gov't and Law Section
1850 Peabody
Memphis TN 38104-4025

Memphis/Shelby County Health Dept.
Pollution Control Division
814 Jefferson Avenue
Memphis, TN 38106

Cherokee Branch Public Library
3300 Sharp Avenue
Memphis, TN 38111-3758

**THE NEXT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
WILL BE HELD:
OCTOBER 17, 1996**

***FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE ENVIRONMENTAL HOTLINE
901-775-4568***

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