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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
REGARDING THE EE/CA FOR THE CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIEL
REMOVAL PROJECT AT DUNN FIELD**

June 17, 1999

The Memphis Depot

"J" Street Cafe, Building 274

The public comment period regarding the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the Chemical Warfare Materiel Removal Project at Dunn Field was held following the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting and the Technical Presentation meeting at 7:45 p.m., on June 17, 1999 at the Memphis Depot, Memphis, Tennessee, 2163 Airways Boulevard. The attendance list is attached.

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1 MR. PHILLIPS We would like to begin the verbal public comment period. While
2 everyone is getting back to their seat, I'd like to make a little bit of
3 an announcement. Like I said, the comments that we're going to
4 hear tonight are very important to us. They are important to the
5 community. The official public comment period goes on until July
6 10th. It may be extended for an additional 30 days upon request.
7 At the end of that public comment period, the Defense Logistics
8 Agency (DLA), the lead agency here responsible for responding to
9 the comments, will not necessarily immediately provide or produce
10 the individual responses to the comments. As you saw tonight,
11 many agencies are involved here and some of those agencies might
12 have to respond to a particular question. But they'll send their
13 response to us and we'll provide the response to all the public
14 comments.

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2 This will not be the end of public involvement with this project As
3 we get further down the road as the gentleman said - speakers on
4 duty tonight - as the Site Safety Submission gets to approval and it
5 goes through the last step. I wanted to introduce a gentleman, Dr.
6 Paul Joe from the National Center for Environmental Health which
7 is part of the Health and Human Services. As this Site Safety
8 Submission goes through its review process and the Department of
9 Health and Human Services approves it, that document will become
10 available for public review. I'm sure we will have additional
11 meetings on this - additional discussions at the RAB - meeting as
12 the particulars of the plan and details are solidified. So tonight will
13 not be the only presentations that we make on this issue This is
14 just the beginning. I would like to point that out. The comments
15 should be on the proposed action we're planning on taking which
16 was presented tonight, and with that I would like to turn it over to
17 Beverly. You want to introduce her?

18 MS. MOORE:

19 Before we get started - we've got lots of conversations going on
20 throughout the room. So everyone please take a seat, or you can
21 step outside if you're not going to listen, so we can gather this
22 information from the public. It's very important that we get this
23 information to make sure we have the questions and comments
24 from the community so we can address the concerns and questions
25 of the community. To help us expedite and to make sure that we
26 understand the rules, we contracted a meeting facilitator last month
27 for the public meeting for Parcels 28 and 35, the old paint shop and
maintenance area and this month for the CWM removal. You met

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1 her husband Howard Robertson, this is the other half - Beverly
2 Robertson.

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4 Beverly is a product of the Depot community - from Orange
5 Mound. Beverly's background is in marketing with Holiday Inn
6 when it was based here in Memphis. She's traveled all over the
7 world in marketing and public relations for Holiday Inns. When
8 Holiday Inns relocated, she and her husband Howard opened their
9 own advertising, public relations and communications firm - Trust
10 Marketing. And along with that in the past year, Beverly has taken
11 on the position of Executive Director of the Civil Rights Museum in
12 Memphis. So all you guys who are visiting, when you make your
13 trip to Memphis, be sure to stop by the Civil Rights Museum. With
14 no further ado, I'll present to you Beverly Robertson, meeting
15 facilitator for tonight's public comment meeting. She will explain
16 the process to you. Welcome Beverly, and you all welcome
17 Beverly.

18 MS. ROBERTSON: Thank you very much, Alma. This public comment period is going
19 to be for the collection of comments relative to the removal action
20 and that certainly is related to the removal of chemical warfare
21 materiel - Dunn Field. If you require any further clarification on
22 the presentation, the Environmental Protection Agency and the
23 Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and its
24 employees and contractors, will be available for a period to talk
25 with you after the comment period is over. You can review the
26 document which is available at the four Information Repositories,
27 and they include Cherokee Library, the Main Library, Memphis and

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1 Shelby County Health Department, and you can call 544-0613 to
2 arrange a time to visit the Information Repository here at the
3 Depot. So there are four locations Check your Cherokee Library,
4 Main Library, Memphis and Shelby County Health Department and
5 at the Information Repository here at the Depot.

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7 There are also three ways that you can comment during this 30-day
8 calendar period. Now, it's almost sure that we'll be extending it
9 beyond the July 10th time period, which was originally set, to
10 August 10th. So you'll have almost about 50 days to make
11 comments on anything relative to the issue of the removal of
12 chemical warfare materiel - Dunn Field. Three ways to do it: voice
13 your comment tonight, put your comments in writing and letter
14 form to Shawn Phillips here at the Memphis Depot, and then you
15 can voice your comments on the Depot environmental information
16 line at 544-0618. Responses to these comments, and I've already
17 been asked about that, during this period of time, this 50-day period
18 of time about this removal action will be provided in a
19 Responsiveness Summary that will be available again at the four
20 Information Repositories.

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22 Now, since these comments are being recorded, I'll ask that each of
23 you making a comment would step up to the microphone, state
24 your name and then give your comment. So we're now open to
25 accept any comments. Any comments? Okay. Mr. Clay?

26 MR. CLAY: My name is Kevin Clay. My concern is about the CWMs in areas
27 that are not pinpointed on the map that we saw tonight. There are

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1 couple of areas that I've been personally advised of there's been
2 some dumping of the products buried there They don't seem to be
3 highlighted on the map that was shown to us tonight. I think it
4 would be inappropriate to try and say that we're doing a full
5 cleanup if we're not really -- not done some test borings, some
6 sample wells or some sample drillings into those areas. And how
7 this hasn't been brought to the attention of people who are doing it,
8 I don't know because we seem to bring it up -- I personally know I
9 brought it up several times.

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11 So I guess I'm a little offended. Somebody comes here to talk to
12 you today and say what they know about the Defense Depot when
13 we've been making these comments for years. And obviously they
14 are not being heard by the right people So readers, hearers of this
15 message, I want you to know that I don't think we have done a
16 thorough enough job evaluating what's really at the Defense Depot
17 - Dunn Field, particularly the area south of the pistol range. The
18 pistol range should be included, and the area west -- I'm sorry --
19 east of the north end of Dunn Field. The eastern part of Dunn Field
20 is left off the map. So I don't know if that's for future exploration
21 and/or future remediation or what, but I just think we've got to
22 expand the scope. And my concerns are real. I would like
23 something done about it.

24 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Mr. Clay. Any additional comments? Ms. Bradshaw?

25 MS. BRADSHAW: I had asked a question earlier about the condition of the bombs.
26 And the gentleman that spoke about the chemical warfare removal
27 action, on this sheet, he spoke about the removal of these three

1 cities that they had removed bombs. I guess from Spring Valley,
2 Washington D.C. He said it was an area much like this I also -- I
3 would like to know if he had problems in any way, shape or form of
4 removing these bombs? My question is, the reason why I'm asking
5 this, is that we don't know the pros and cons about their work.
6 How can we trust this group of men saying we're doing everything
7 we can to ensure your safety. And we have -- the community do
8 not have a emergency response plan presented to them. We should
9 have got that emergency response plan a year ago. And I feel like
10 I'm repeating myself over and over again. I haven't got any answers
11 and it doesn't look like I'm going to get any answers
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13 I feel like that this should have happened way in advance from the
14 time of remediation of these bombs, non-stockpile chemical warfare
15 materiel or whatever you want to call it. But I would like for him
16 to answer my question. Were there any problems on these three
17 sites and he said that he would give us information from the cradle
18 to the grave about these bombs. I know what happened to the
19 bombs and certain data, and I'm very disturbed about it. These
20 bombs went into another black community and they are laying there
21 and sitting there right now in Alabama. So I would like to know in
22 advance what are you going to do with these bombs and are they
23 going to another community that will be problem to another
24 community? Thank you.

25 MS. ROBERTSON: Thank you very much, Ms. Bradshaw, for your comments. Any
26 additional comments? There were a couple of comments that were

1 raised on the floor. Those were two Were there any additional
2 comments? Mr Tyler?

3 MR. TYLER: My name is Stanley Tyler. First of all, I would thank everybody for
4 coming out and sitting at the table and putting up with my
5 questions. Thank you very much. My first question is this
6 company, UXB International. What percentage of minority or
7 black participation will you have or they have in the cleanup with
8 your company? That is question number one. Question number
9 two; as the cleanup proceeds, will there be access on your Internet
10 site where I'd like to download some of the information to
11 distribute some of the information to the Depot community? That's
12 question number two.

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14 And question number three; the helicopter that will be removing the
15 so-called waste - will there be a flight plan laid out as to what path
16 you're going to fly over, residential, commercial highway with
17 notice so that people in the community have access to it? Number
18 four -- sorry about all the questions. It's the most important one -
19 the community contingency plan has not been formulated I've been
20 told. But once it's formulated, will the community be able to have
21 access to these mailouts, Internet, television, radio, and some
22 logical response so they won't be like Exxon Valdez? Oil in the
23 neighborhood - now they're going to clean it up. We want to have
24 clear and concise plans. People in the community need to know
25 that containment contingency plans are there in place so if anything
26 happens, they won't read about it in the Commercial Appeal a day

1 later and have a rush for everybody to find out what happened.

2 Thank you very much.

3 MS. ROBERTSON Thank you, Mr Tyler. Any additional comments regarding the
4 removal of chemical warfare materiel at Dunn Field? Any
5 additional comments? Any more comments? Well, in response to
6 the comments that have been raised, at the end of the 50 day period
7 there will be a Responsiveness Summary prepared and that
8 summary will be available at those four locations identified. We
9 certainly appreciate the comments you have given tonight. And I'm
10 sure that those responses will be forthcoming 50 days from now.
11 Shawn?

12 MR. PHILLIPS: I would like to say before this meeting is adjourned that we will be
13 here until the end of the 60 minute verbal comment period in case
14 people come in late And if there's no immediate comments right
15 now, we will -- if the transcriber would like to take a five minute
16 break or whatever, he can do so. Are there additional public
17 comments?

18 MS. BRADSHAW: I might say and put this on record is that people don't like to come
19 up on the Depot. They honestly don't want to come up here, and
20 these type of comment periods should be placed outside the Depot.
21 Because it will be convenient for them to walk to the school and
22 make things kind of accessible to them. I really don't think that
23 people -- what we're hearing from people is why do you go up on
24 the contaminated Depot? They don't trust the government and
25 don't trust the fact that they have to come up here. They feel like
26 that you're doing something to them when they come up here for a
27 meeting.

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1 MS. ROBERTSON: Thank you, Ms. Bradshaw.

2 MR. PHILLIPS: It was pointed out to me that how I should technically do this is,
3 say we will go "off-line" until there are other public comments?
4 And what I mean by "off-line" is we will turn off the tape recorder
5 and the transcriptionist will stop. We will monitor the door and if
6 anybody has any additional comments, would you please ask
7 myself, Alma or Ms. Robertson if we could go back on record. But
8 we will remain here for the duration of the 60 minute hour-long
9 public comment period. Thank you.

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11 (Whereupon, the microphone was open for additional public comments until the public
12 comment period ended.)

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14 MR. PHILLIPS: This will conclude the verbal public comment period. Thank you. Have
15 a good evening.

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17 (Whereupon, at 8:30 p.m. the public comment
18 meeting was adjourned.)

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Attendance List

Restoration Advisory Board Members

Mr. Shawn Phillips	Facility Co-Chair
Mr. Mondell Williams	Community Co-Chair
Mr. Dave Bond	Citizen Representative
Mr. John Garrison	Citizen Representative
Mr. Kevin Clay	Citizen Representative
Mr. Carter Gray	Memphis/Shelby County Health Department
Mr. Jordan English	Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
Ms. Johnnie Mae Peters	Citizen Representative
Mr. Eugene Brayon	Citizen Representative
Ms. Terri Gray	Citizen Representative
Mr. Jimmy Covington	Depot Redevelopment Corporation (DRC)
Ms. Doris Bradshaw	Environmental Representative
Mr. Stanley Tyler	Citizen Representative
Ms. Janet Hooks	Memphis City Council

Others in Attendance

Mr. E. House	Citizen
Mr. Neil Anderson	Citizen
Ms. Dorothy Richards	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntsville District
Mr. Kurt Braun	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District
Mr. Mark Starnes	Roy F. Weston
Mr. Randy Gentry	Groundwater Institute
	University of Memphis
Ms. Alma Black Moore	Frontline

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Ms. Jennifer Hall	Frontline
Ms. Andrea Morrow Johnson	Frontline
Ms. Tiki Whitfield	Environmental Protection Agency
Ms. Jackita Bass	Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. Rick Bowlus	U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
Ms. Denise Bollheimer	UT Medical Group, Inc.
Ms. Alma H. Black	Citizen
Mr. Elroy L. Black	Citizen
Ms. Denise Cooper	Memphis Depot Caretaker
Ms. Janice Smith	Citizen
Mr. Russell Ray Anderson	Citizen
Mr. Benjamin Moore	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
Dr. John Crellin	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
Ms. Margaret Curry	Citizen
Mr. John DeBack	Base Transition Coordinator Defense Logistics Agency
Mr. Paul Lewis	Citizen
Mr. Norm Lachapelle	Citizen
Mr. Jesse Wilburn	Citizen
Mr. Byron Hawes	Citizen
Mr. Kenneth Bradshaw	Citizen
Mr. Paul Joe	National Center for Environmental Health
Mr. Brian Deeken	Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
Mr. Edwin Hares	TDEC
Mr. Ross Surrency	Parsons Engineering Science, Inc.
Mr. Jimmy Duncan	Parsons Engineering Science, Inc.
Ms. Tammy Simonton	Memphis/Shelby County Emergency Management Agency

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Mr. Steve Dunn	U S Army Coprs of Engineers Huntsville District
Mr. Bruce Whisennant	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntsville District
Ms. Kellie Williams	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntsville District
Mr. Gary Lattin	Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC)
Mr. Christopher Keiser	ECBC
Mr. Michael Rehmert	U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit
Sgt. Brian Field	U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit
Mr. Tom Hoff	PM Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel
Mr. Robert Jones	PM Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel
Mr. Randy Reed	UXB International, Inc.
Lt. Col. Douglas Norton	U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit

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