



THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

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Sub-contracting opportunities available at the Depot

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a \$15-million contract to Sverdrup Civil Engineering, Inc. for the next phase of the Defense Logistics Agency's environmental cleanup activities at the Memphis Depot.

The contract, called a Pre-Placed Remedial Action Contract (PRAC), requires Sverdrup to provide services for environmental, transportation and water resources capital infrastructure projects over the next four years.

"Sverdrup intends to sub-contract a substantial portion of the work to be performed at the Memphis Depot. In

addition to the team of sub-contractors named in the proposal, we intend to maximize the number of local, Memphis-area companies that will be utilized for this program to the extent that it is possible," said Virgil Jansen, a Project Manager at Sverdrup.

Sverdrup Civil Engineering, a subsidiary of the Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., has been in operation since 1928 with headquarters in Maryland Heights, Missouri.

Companies interested in sub-contracting opportunities with Sverdrup should call Project Manager Charlie Riggs at (314) 770-4137. □

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.

There is
no meeting in
November or
December.

Next meeting
January 21, 2000

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

Off-Site Monitoring Wells Installed on Warren Street



Groundwater monitoring wells were installed in October outside the Memphis Depot property near the 2300 block of Warren Street to sample the quality of groundwater in the area. A local drilling company worked with the Depot's contractor, CH2M Hill, to install the monitoring wells.

Local company awarded TAPP grant to help RAB

Environmental Realty Inc., a Memphis-based minority company, has been awarded a contract under the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) grant program to serve as a resource for the Memphis Depot Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for a one-year term.

The TAPP program, which is administered by the Department of Defense (DOD), provides funding to assist RABs in participating more fully in the cleanup process. The money is used to hire independent technical, scientific and engineering support services. RAB members interview potential

companies and make their recommendation to the DOD.

"It's very heart-warming to receive this contract and to garner the confidence of the Memphis Depot RAB," said Jesse Wilburn, CEO of Environmental Realty. "It is especially gratifying to offer our services within the local Memphis Depot community."

Environmental Realty will provide expertise to Memphis Depot RAB members by reviewing and explaining cleanup documents and technical reports and offering technical training when required. □

RAB MEMBER PROFILE:

A Conversation with Ulysses Truitt

As the former Director of Installation Services at the Memphis Depot and an employee at the Depot for a total of 37 years, Ulysses Truitt brings a great deal of expertise to his position as a member of the Depot's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). Mr. Truitt and his wife, Juanita, a retired school teacher, live in the Memphis Depot community and have three sons.

"My background at the Depot allowed me to know what went on environmentally and, consequently, I owe the community my service on the RAB to ensure that correct actions are taken, as well as to dispel rumors about the existence of potential threats to the community," said Mr. Truitt.

Mr. Truitt said the RAB, with its cross-section of community members and technical representatives from environmental agencies, is helping to ensure that the restoration of the Depot is being done properly.

set out for the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study are "above board and exact."

"I'd like to tell the community that the cleanup initiative is progressing to the expected point of complete compliance with Environmental Protection Agency laws. The community can rest assured that there are no

imminent threats to the environment or the health of the community. I look forward to the near future when the former Defense Depot exceeds environmental standards anywhere in the Memphis area and becomes a prime industrial facility," said Mr. Truitt.

In the year 2000, Mr. Truitt would like for more members of the community to attend RAB meetings and wants to see the RAB accomplish three things: improve the Information Repositories as well as presentations concerning restoration issues;

concentrate on Depot cleanup issues and refer other community issues to the proper agencies, and assure the community that the money being spent on cleanup efforts is a reinvestment back into the Depot community.

In addition to his work on the RAB, Mr. Truitt is also President of the Alcy-Ball Neighborhood Association, Superintendent of Sunday School and a member of the choir at Beulah Baptist Church, and serves on the board of AmeriCorp. □



We're On The Web!



You can find information about the Memphis Depot Caretaker Division's environmental restoration program at:

www.ddc.dla.mil/memphis

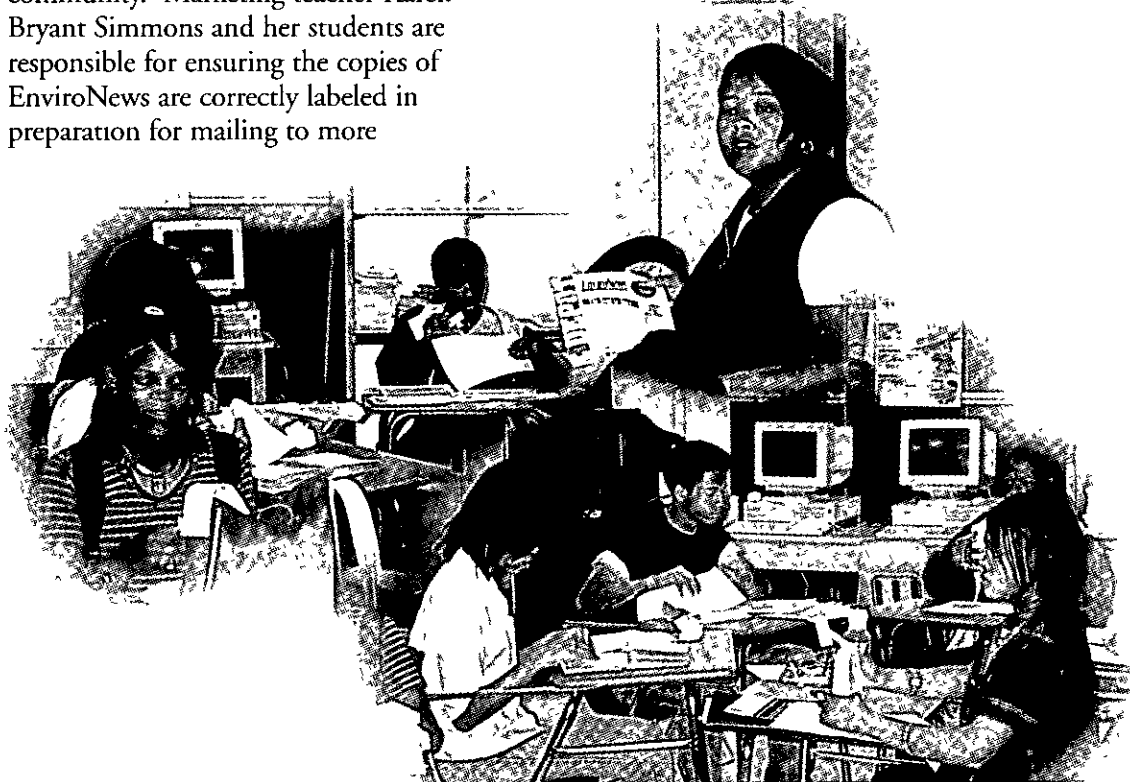
This site is currently under construction, and we will continue to add content on a regular basis.

Your feedback is important. Please tell us what information you would like to access through this website.

Students lend a hand to carry Depot news to the community

Whitehaven High School's Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) students have partnered with the Memphis Depot's Community Relations Office to distribute EnviroNews throughout the community. Marketing teacher Karen Bryant Simmons and her students are responsible for ensuring the copies of EnviroNews are correctly labeled in preparation for mailing to more

than 4,600 homes and businesses in the area. Students receive an honorarium for their efforts, which goes back to their club to fund programs. □



Finding the Answers

The Memphis Depot environmental team and the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members are often asked questions on topics that are not related to the cleanup program. To help direct you to the person or agency best able to answer these questions, we have prepared this handy reference that lists different topics of concern along with a telephone number and contact name where available.

FORMER WORKERS' HEALTH:

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (800) 356-4674

Tennessee Department of Labor
- Workers' Compensation (800) 332-2667

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
Benjamin Moore (404) 562-1784
or toll free (888) 422-8731

FACILITY REUSE:

Depot Redevelopment Corporation (DRC)
Jim Covington (901) 942-4939

ZONING:

Memphis/Shelby County Division of
Planning and Development (901) 576-7143

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Tennessee Department of Employment
Security - Job Services (Poplar Office) (901) 543-7535

PUBLIC DRINKING WATER:

Memphis Light, Gas, and Water
James Webb (901) 320-3901

REGIONAL GROUNDWATER ISSUES:

U.S. Geologic Survey - Water Resource Div
Randy Thomas (901) 544-0252

University of Memphis
Groundwater Institute
Randy Gentry (901) 678-3062

Groundwater Quality Control Board
Carter Gray (901) 544-7775

Tennessee Department of Environment
and Conservation (TDEC)
Jordan English (901) 368-7953

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL
CONCERNS: (Other than Depot cleanup issues)
Tennessee Department of Environment
and Conservation (TDEC)
Jordan English (901) 368-7953

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Tiki Whitfield (404) 562-8530

Memphis/Shelby County- Health Dept
Carter Gray (901) 544-7775

DEPOT GROUNDSKEEPING AND
OTHER DEPOT INFORMATION:

Memphis Depot Caretaker
Lisa Word (901) 544-0616

We encourage you to contact the Memphis Depot
Community Relations Office at (901) 544-0613 if you
have any questions regarding the cleanup program or our
community relations activities ☐



Our Legal Environment



The cleanup program at the Memphis Depot is a highly regulated process that must comply with many different laws and regulations. In most cases, federal laws are enforced under similar state or local laws. While federal laws are the highest authority, the Depot also complies with all state, local and military laws that can, in fact, require a higher standard than some federal laws.

Below is an overview of some of the laws and how they apply to the Depot cleanup program. In future issues of EnviroNews, we will provide more details on these laws, the complex regulatory environment and the procedures that must be followed by the environmental team, the Depot's progress in meeting these legal requirements, and the role you can play in the process as an interested member of the community.

Environmental Protection Agency Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA):

The RCRA is a federal law enacted in 1976 to provide regulations for generating, storing, treating and disposing of solid waste and hazardous waste. In January 1990, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a RCRA Facility Assessment at the Depot that identified areas of concern the Depot should address.

The Installation Restoration Program (IRP):

In 1981, as a result of the enactment of RCRA, the Department of Defense initiated the Installation Restoration Process (IRP), a military initiative that regulates the evaluation and cleanup of federal facilities such as the Memphis Depot.

National Priorities List (NPL):

The NPL is a federal regulatory program that identifies sites that require special consideration for cleanup. The federal regulations that define which sites should be on NPL are part of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan, which prevents and controls spills into surface water and other parts of the environment, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (see below for more information on CERCLA). On October 14, 1992, the EPA placed the Memphis Depot on the NPL based on a numeric ranking called the Hazard Ranking System that determines the level of potential risk of a site to human health or the environment.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA):

In 1980, CERCLA was passed by Congress to investigate and clean up sites representing a certain level of risk to human health or the environment, including sites on the NPL. In 1986, Congress passed the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) defining how federal facilities were to comply with CERCLA. When the Depot was placed on the National Priorities List, the Depot's IRP was restructured to comply with CERCLA and SARA.

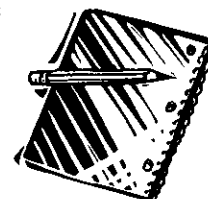
CERCLA sets out a seven-stage process for identifying and solving cleanup issues. Each stage must be followed, completed and approved by federal and state environmental regulators before the next stage can begin. The Memphis Depot environmental team is currently working on the fourth stage.

Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC):

BRAC legislation was passed in 1980 and established new procedures for closing or realigning military installations such as the Memphis Depot. Because the slow pace of cleanup efforts under highly structured regulatory programs was seen as a hurdle in efforts to reuse the property, the President created the Fast-Track Cleanup initiative within BRAC legislation to speed up the cleanup process. However, BRAC legislation still requires facilities to follow a detailed, step-by-step process with federal and state approvals required at each step.

Other Acts and regulations that must be followed during the cleanup include:

- Federal Property and Administration Services Act
- Surplus Property Act
- Federal Property Management Regulations
- 1994 Defense Authorization Act
- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Act
- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Toxic Substances Control Act



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Memphis, TN (901) 544-0613
The Community Outreach Room is located in Building
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,
Memphis, TN (901) 725-8877
The Main Branch is open Monday to Thursday from
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m.
to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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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2510 Mt. Moriah,
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