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## ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD COVER SHEET

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MEETING MINUTES  
Technical Review Committee  
June 23, 1994, 9:00 a.m.  
Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, Building 459

The third Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting was held on June 23, 1994, at the Defense Depot Memphis Tennessee (DDMT) in Classroom 1 of Building 459. The following people were in attendance:

Technical Review Committee Members

Ms. Christine Kartman	Defense Depot Memphis (Chairperson)
Ms. Allison Humphris	Environmental Protection Agency
Ms. Helyn Keith	Shelby County Mayor's Office
Mr. Larry Smith	Mid-South Peace and Justice Center
Mr. Jordan English	Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
Dr. Cleo Kirk	Shelby County Board of Commissioners
Ms. Janet Hooks	Memphis City Council
Mr. Carter Gray	Memphis/Shelby County Health Department

Others in Attendance

Mr. Frank Novitzki	Defense Depot Memphis
Ms. Denise Cooper	Defense Depot Memphis
Mr. Mike Dobbs	Defense Distribution Region East
Mr. Randy Gallien	U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command
Mr. Barry Moore	Memphis/Shelby County Health Department-Water Quality
Ms. Sue Estes	The Earth Technology Corporation
Ms. Kathy Brundage	The Earth Technology Corporation

Ms. Kartman opened the meeting welcoming the TRC members and briefly reviewing the topics of the April 21, 1994 TRC meeting. She then gave an overview of the agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Novitzki gave an update on health concerns in the area and the actions currently underway to address these concerns. The Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) conducted a baseline risk assessment of the facility in 1989-90. Since the assessment did not find or confirm any pathways of contamination ATSDR will not conduct a health study. They will monitor the investigation process so if a pathway is identified actions can be taken.

The Army Environmental Hygiene Agency (AEHA) also monitors the health risk assessment process and is scheduled to do another baseline assessment after the Remedial Investigation is complete.

The Depot is on the budget for the 1995 fiscal year for ATSDR to do a study but because a pathway from the contamination to the population has not yet been identified the Depot

is a lower priority than other sites where pathways have been identified.

Bonnie Basher of the State of Tennessee Health Department was previously contacted with a request to conduct a cancer study in the area. There is a need for help in identifying who in the area has had cancer. Dr. James Catchings in May 1993 initiated a Mayor's meeting at which approximately 150 people attended demonstrating a concern about the cancer rate in the community around the Depot. Dr. Catchings was looked to as a starting place for getting the needed information to allow Ms. Basher to start her cancer study.

Mr. Novitzki asked the TRC for help in identifying who in the area has had cancer. Dr. Kirk stated he had received some calls from citizens and felt there are people wanting to share what they know to assist in a study of cancer in the area. He offered to contact Dr. Catchings to find out what was causing the communication barrier. Ms. Hooks suggested that a formal public meeting be held that would inform the public of the need to gather the information for the study. After a meeting is held surveys could be sent out in the mail, people could be contacted over the phone or people could go door to door to gather data. It might be helpful to bring a community member on a door to door survey. The State Health Department should be the lead agency in collecting the data.

Ms. Kartman suggested that the Depot write a letter requesting that the Health Department initiate a public information meeting. Ms. Cooper stated that they considered this part of a survey and before they would do anything further they needed to know the size of the area of concern and the approximate number of cancer cases.

Dr. Kirk stated that the information is available and it should not be hard to locate. Mr. Smith said he could provide a list of death data and it may breakdown deaths due to different types of cancer. The Vital Records Office, Hugh Barnes of the Health Department, the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta and the Census Records may all be resources to obtain the needed information. Ms. Hooks offered to have a staff person contact these agencies to find out what types of information are available. Dr. Kirk offered to call local community groups to collect additional information. Mr. English will contact Ms. Basher regarding what the state has available. These contacts will be made by July 1st and the Depot will be informed of the findings.

The Depot has received comments provided by Mr. Smith on the Operable Unit Plans. There will be Executive Summaries of the Operable Units available to the other TRC members at the next meeting for their comments.

A project manager's meeting was held at the Depot on Wednesday, June 22, 1994. One topic was the possibility of an interim measure on the groundwater issue. There will also be a fact sheet available at the next meeting that will address the proposed interim measures on groundwater.

Ms. Hooks is planning a Town Hall Meeting in late July and she would like to involve some of the TRC members, especially the Depot, to communicate to the public what their function is in the restoration of the Depot.

June 15 and 16 Depot, EPA and state representatives attended a training course in Atlanta sponsored by the EPA and the Department of Defense about Restoration Advisory Boards

(RAB). The new regulations for these boards will mean the need for some changes to the TRC. Ms. Kartman gave a presentation about the process for forming a RAB. The RAB will consist of the current TRC members with the addition of community members. The new guidance encourages open communication, meetings which are open to the public, a co-chair community member, the total number of members should be approximately 20. The current TRC could be used as a selection panel to add the community members. The TRC agreed to use the applications already solicited for Citizens Review Group (CRG) members to add nine community members to the group to form a RAB.

Following a brief break, three nominations were given by each member for candidates to add to the RAB. After tallying votes the following applicants were chosen as community members to sit on the RAB:

Barbara Johnson (daughter of Hazel Johnson)  
Rev. W.A. Suggs  
Ulysses Truitt  
Johnnie Mae Peters  
Karen Blanks  
James Goines  
Veronica Smith  
Doris Prather  
Willie Mae Willett

After the selection process the group agreed to hold the next meeting on Thursday, July 21, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commander's Conference Room at the Depot. The newly formed group will be called a Restoration Advisory Board and there will be a new charter drafted to meet the needs of the new group. The Depot will contact those individuals who were selected as new RAB members and will also send a thank you letter to all those who submitted applications.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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