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**PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING MINUTES****The Memphis Depot****South Memphis Senior Citizen's Center****1620 Marjorie Street****Memphis, TN****August 15, 2002**

**The Memphis Depot Public Comment Meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on August 15, 2002, at the South Memphis Senior Citizen's Center located at 1620 Marjorie, Memphis, Tennessee. The attendance list is attached.**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

1 MS MOORE Good evening Can I have everyone's attention, please We are  
2 about to get started with our public comment meeting regarding the  
3 removal of surface soil containing lead at the former pistol range  
4 on Dunn Field I trust that you have an agenda that we have  
5 provided for you, as well as a copy of the presentation And if you  
6 do not have this quick reference fact sheet, we have some available  
7 for you entitled "Conducting non-time-critical removal actions  
8 under CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response,  
9 Compensation, and Liability Act) " We have that handout for you  
10 as well, so, you need to get that Adrienne will be handing one out  
11 to you and she's coming up with some now  
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13 My name is Alma Moore, and I'm the community relations  
14 specialist here at the Memphis Depot Well, not here, but over at

1 the Memphis Depot I work for Frontline Communications, and  
2 we are here today to allow the public an opportunity to provide  
3 public comments regarding the removal of the surface soil  
4 containing lead at the former pistol range on Dunn Field  
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6 We would like to thank the community members who are present  
7 here today, and we have an agenda to follow I would like to  
8 introduce to you some people who are present that you may not  
9 know  
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11 MS MOORE

We have Clyde Hunt, who is the Remedial Program Manager at  
12 the Memphis Depot We have Mike Dobbs here from DDC, John  
13 DeBack, the Base Transition Coordinator at the Memphis Depot,  
14 Turpin Ballard, regulator from EPA (Environmental Protection  
15 Agency), Jim Morrison, our regulator from the Tennessee  
16 Department of Environment and Conservation, Bruce Railey,  
17 Program Manager, who is with the Corps of Engineers in  
18 Huntsville, Trevor Diggins from Frontline and Adrienne Hill with  
19 Frontline  
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21 And, of course, we have a court reporter here We ask that all --  
22 that the presenters speak slowly and any public comments, when  
23 we get to that period, if you will please speak slowly  
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25 I just want to run over the process We've had public comment  
26 meetings before It is not an opportunity to allow for answers to  
27 questions We are here to provide the information from the BCT  
28 (Base Cleanup Team) regarding a cleanup alternative, to ask for  
29 points of clarification and to provide an opportunity for the public  
30 to comment  
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1 The comments will be provided in a Responsiveness Summary  
2 That will be available in the Depot's three Information Repositories  
3 located at the Memphis Depot, the Memphis/Shelby County Health  
4 Department and the Cherokee Branch Library  
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6 **PRESENTATION:**  
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8 MS MOORE First I would like to introduce our presenter from CH2M Hill,  
9 David Nelson David Nelson is a professional geologist who was  
10 trained at the University of Georgia He's worked in the CERCLA  
11 process for eight years He's been a project manager for CH2M  
12 Hill for two years He's married, and he's the father of a two and a  
13 half month old daughter Her name is Georgia David has been at  
14 Depot meetings before with Steve Offner  
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16 Steve is out of town, and David Nelson will present to us for the  
17 first time So, please give David Nelson your attention as he  
18 makes the presentation, and there will be points of clarification  
19 after the presentation Thank you  
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21 MR NELSON All right, thank you, Alma Our presentation tonight is regarding  
22 Site 60 on Dunn Field, also known as the former pistol range We  
23 are going to be discussing an Engineering Evaluation Cost  
24 Analysis (EE/CA) of Site 60  
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26 Presentation overview basically what is an EE/CA? Why do we  
27 need this EE/CA? The EE/CA process we're also going to look at  
28 a site location map of Site 60  
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30 We'll discuss the removal action objectives, describe the preferred  
31 cleanup alternative for Site 60, describe the schedule of activities

1 and also describe how the community can be involved and how to  
2 submit public comments

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4 What is an EE/CA? The EE/CA is known as an Engineering  
5 Evaluation Cost Analysis or, as it says there, the acronym is  
6 EE/CA. The EE/CA basically describes environmental conditions  
7 of an area, in this case, Site 60 in the Northeast Open Area of Dunn  
8 Field

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10 The EE/CA provides a recommended cleanup alternative. The  
11 EE/CA goes through and describes alternatives, and after  
12 describing each one and the methods, as well as costs associated  
13 with that, it selects or recommends which is the preferred  
14 alternative

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16 MR. NELSON: The EE/CA is part of a non-time-critical or early removal action.  
17 This is in the CERCLA guidance for removal actions. There are  
18 three types. The Site 60 one happens to fall under a non-time-  
19 critical, and in this case is in advance of the Dunn Field Proposed  
20 Plan. Currently, Dunn Field is in the Feasibility Study phase. The  
21 next step would be the Proposed Plan. As I said, the EE/CA comes  
22 from a CERCLA guidance. The requirements for an EE/CA are  
23 under CERCLA, as well as the NCP (National Contingency Plan).

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25 So, why is an EE/CA necessary? Well, the Dunn Field Risk  
26 Assessment, which is part of the Remedial Investigation which was  
27 finalized in July of this year, concluded that the surface soil in the  
28 Northeast Open Area, is safe for residential recreation, basically,  
29 for an unrestricted use, except for the former Site 60 or the former  
30 pistol range known as Site 60.

1 One sample out of the six that were collected in this area did not  
2 meet the criteria -- the screening criteria for lead, which basically  
3 meant that that site would not be available for unrestricted use  
4 The BCT, after reviewing the Risk Assessment, recommended that  
5 the soil containing lead be removed so that the unrestricted use of  
6 the site could proceed This was based on their findings or the  
7 finding in the Risk Assessment as well as the RI  
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9 The EE/CA process is made up of nine steps, and we're now in  
10 step five These are the first four steps (Indicating) which we've  
11 already moved through Step five is the public comment period,  
12 which is what we're in now The public comment period began on  
13 July 25th and will end next Friday, not tomorrow, but a week from  
14 tomorrow  
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16 MR NELSON The public meeting is tonight, and the EE/CA is available, as Alma  
17 mentioned, in the Depot's Information Repositories  
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19 Following the public comment period, an Action Memorandum  
20 will be produced This Action Memorandum, basically, outlines  
21 the removal plan for Site 60 The Action Memorandum includes a  
22 Responsiveness Summary, which is basically an answer to any  
23 comments that were received on the EE/CA from the public  
24

25 The Removal Action implementation will follow the Action  
26 Memorandum This implementation basically describes what is  
27 going to happen at Site 60 as far as any remedial activities  
28 Steps eight and nine are the EE/CA process, the Removal Site  
29 Closeout Once the EE/CA or once the Removal Action has been  
30 completed, any remaining activities such as, in this case, surface  
31 regrading and seeding of the excavation areas will take place

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2 And then, finally, the step nine is Post Removal Site Control The  
3 only site control necessary for Site 60 will be just the Removal  
4 Action report All material will be removed, and the site will be  
5 available for unrestricted use  
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7 This is an aerial photograph of Dunn Field As you can see in the  
8 left-hand portion of that square, there's a forested area That's the  
9 old bullet stop area of the pistol range To the right, kind of near  
10 the arrow, is the firing range where everyone stood to shoot their  
11 guns, over to the left in this case (Indicating)  
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13 MR NELSON This is the Northeast Open Area of Dunn Field There is a road at  
14 the top of Dunn Field, and that is Person Avenue And then Hays  
15 Road is to the right of Dunn Field there (Indicating) So, the  
16 removal action objectives in this case are to ensure ongoing  
17 protection of the environment and the community We also want  
18 to restore the soil to safe conditions for future unrestricted use, and  
19 while doing this, of course, comply with all federal, state and local  
20 requirements and minimize the volume of materials that have to be  
21 removed from the site  
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23 The removal action should also be, and in this case is, utilizing the  
24 most efficient and cost effective cleanup The way that was done  
25 was to look at what has been done -- what has gone on at the Depot  
26 before in similar EE/CA activities And, in this case, we have the  
27 experiences learned from Sites 35 and 28 on the Main Installation  
28 as well as Building 949 on the Main Installation - similar  
29 contaminants, surface soil contaminants and removing those -- or  
30 conducted using what's known as dig-and-haul That's the slang  
31 term for excavation and removal

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2 One of the removal action objectives, of course, is to minimize any  
3 long-term maintenance or monitoring requirements Well, in this  
4 case, once the soil is excavated, there are no long-term  
5 requirements necessary because anything that would have created a  
6 hazard would be removed

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8 The BCT recommended, after reviewing the objectives for the  
9 removal action, that the surface soil -- does not meet the risk-based  
10 screening criteria to be removed And in this -- once this is  
11 completed, the alternative would meet the objectives as we  
12 described earlier - technically feasible, cost is reasonable and  
13 acceptable, and would meet the risk-based cleanup criteria

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15 MR NELSON

The removal action steps are very common for a dig-and-haul  
16 project As I said, they were used on Sites 35 and 28 and were  
17 used again on Building 949 These include, for Site 60,  
18 specifically, clear and removal of the trees that have grown up over  
19 the years since the facility hasn't been used

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21 There are sites -- excuse me There are areas A through G that are  
22 going to be cleaned up in this former Site 60 area Area C, which  
23 is the former bullet stop area, will have 24 inches of soil removed,  
24 the thinking being that the bullets would travel into the dirt further  
25 there In all the other areas we will remove up to 12 inches of soil

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27 Also, there is a building associated with the firing range and some  
28 other target posts and other debris that will be removed as well  
29 Confirmatory sampling or confirmation sampling will take place in  
30 all the excavated pits as well as walls, just to make sure that the  
31 lead that's above the criteria will be removed



1 After the excavations, after confirmation is returned that the  
2 excavations are clean, so to speak, the slopes will be graded and  
3 excavated areas will be replaced with clean backfill  
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5 Engineering controls would be executed to minimize any dust  
6 generation as well as manage any storm water that is generated  
7 Another engineering control would be -- that's usually taken in  
8 these projects is to use dust covers on trucks that will be removing  
9 the soil from the site, using water basically to spray down the  
10 excavated areas and also the soil once it's removed from  
11 excavation There are various methods, and they will all be  
12 employed to make sure dust is not generated and storm water  
13 doesn't leave the site And, finally, any of the soil that is excavated  
14 will be transported and disposed of at licensed facilities  
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16 MR. NELSON Scheduled activities During the summer of 2002 the Site 60  
17 EE/CA document has been developed and is available, as Alma  
18 said, in the Information Repositories The public comment period  
19 we are now in The public comment meeting is tonight  
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21 During the fall of 2002, the Site 60 Action Memorandum will be  
22 developed, which includes a Responsiveness Summary to any  
23 public comments The Removal Action Work Plan will be  
24 developed, and the removal action at Site 60 will take place I  
25 think that based on previous experience in removal actions, it will  
26 probably take about one month to complete  
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28 In the winter of 2002 any remaining activities will be completed,  
29 and the Removal Action Report will be developed Community  
30 involvement in this case involves a public comment period, as I  
31 stated earlier It is now in progress We started on July 25th and

1 will be completed on August 23rd The EE/CA is available at  
 2 these repository locations (Indicating)

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 4 The Responsiveness Summary in the Action Memorandum, which  
 5 will follow the public comment period, is also going to be  
 6 available in the Information Repositories Information is provided  
 7 in the EnviroNews newsletter for the Memphis Depot A Removal  
 8 Action Report will be available also in the Information  
 9 Repositories, as well as reference material In this case, there is  
 10 the guidance document called "The guidance on conducting non-  
 11 time-critical removal actions under CERCLA " As Alma  
 12 mentioned, there is a quick fact sheet on that document available  
 13 tonight

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 15 And if you would like to submit any public comments, that can be  
 16 done in writing, mail, fax or email or you can call Clyde Hunt at  
 17 the phone number listed above If you would prefer to mail them,  
 18 his address is there The phone and fax number is provided, and  
 19 his email address is listed at the bottom of the slide here  
 20 (Indicating) And, actually, I think that's the last slide So that is  
 21 the end of the presentation

22 MS MOORE Are there any points of clarification from any community  
 23 members? Do you need any points of clarification? Not any public  
 24 comments? If you would come to the microphone and state your  
 25 name, and we'll be glad to clarify

26 MR WILLIAMS Okay, a couple of points of clarification here First of all, you said  
 27 that Site 60 is the only restricted area Am I right? All right, point  
 28 of clarification Are we saying that everything else over in Dunn  
 29 Field is all right? Because you're saying 60 is the only area that we  
 30 have to deal with at the present time So, once we do that,  
 31 everything is A-okay That's a point of clarification

1 MR NELSON Site 60 is the only area in the Northeast Open Area of Dunn Field  
2 that requires this action The EE/CA covers Site 60

3 MR WILLIAMS You missed the point

4 MR HUNT Okay, just to provide some clarity to your question This evening  
5 we're addressing only the Northeast portion of Dunn Field, which  
6 is Site 60

7 MR WILLIAMS Yes, I understand but ---

8 MR HUNT We're not addressing anything else

9 MR WILLIAMS I understand, but in here he said -- somewhere in here -- I didn't  
10 just put a mark on it, but somewhere he said in here that that was  
11 the only restricted area So, that's the reason I brought that up He  
12 said that was the only restricted area, and once that was done, then  
13 there would be no other restricted area That's the reason I brought  
14 it up Point of clarification

15 MS MOORE Anymore points of clarification? (Brief pause )

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17 **INTRODUCTION OF FACILITATOR**

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19 MS MOORE With that, I'll introduce you to the facilitator for this evening,  
20 who is no stranger to us Mr Clyde Hunt, Jr came to us over two  
21 years ago as CWM (Chemical Warfare Materiel) on-site  
22 coordinator Clyde is from the U S Army Corp of Engineers and  
23 reports here in Memphis Clyde has a bachelor's degree from the  
24 University of Memphis in civil engineering, and he's from  
25 Covington, Tennessee, and he holds a master's degree in  
26 engineering management from Christian Brothers University  
27 Clyde is married to Norma, his wife, and they have two children,  
28 Clyde, III and Christina

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30 With that, I'll bring you the remedial program manager here at the  
31 Depot who will explain the process for the public comment

1 meeting He will provide the information needed prior to your  
2 comments  
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4 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
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6 MR HUNT Thank you, Alma Good evening everyone This is the public  
7 comment period for the removal of surface soil containing lead at  
8 the former pistol range on Dunn Field There are a couple of things  
9 that we would like to cover before you start your comments  
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11 The public comment period is for the collection of comments on  
12 the cleanup alternatives presented in the Engineering Evaluation  
13 and Cost Analysis, which we refer to as the EE/CA It describes  
14 the environmental condition of the former pistol range and  
15 provides cleanup alternatives  
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17 The EE/CA for this project has been available for public review at  
18 the Depot's three Information Repositories that are located at the  
19 Memphis Depot, the Cherokee Branch Library and the Memphis/  
20 Shelby County Health Department since July 25, 2002  
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22 David Nelson, our presenter from CH2M Hill on this evening,  
23 made a presentation and provided time for clarification of the  
24 proposed cleanup alternatives If you require further clarification  
25 on the presentation, the Depot, the Environmental Protection  
26 Agency and the Tennessee Department of Environment and  
27 Conservation and the Depot's contractor will be available after this  
28 meeting to talk with you  
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30 The public comment period began July 25, 2002, and it will end on  
31 August 23, 2002 There are several ways to comment during this

1 30-day public comment period You may voice your comments  
2 tonight A transcriptionist is here tonight to record your  
3 comments You may send written comments to my attention,  
4 Clyde E Hunt, Remedial Program Manager at the Memphis Depot,  
5 2163 Airways Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee, 38114 or you may  
6 fax your comments to me at (901) 544-0638 or you may call me  
7 with your comments at (901) 544-0617  
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9 Responses to comments received during this public comment  
10 period for the removal of surface soil containing lead at the former  
11 pistol range on Dunn Field will be provided in a Responsiveness  
12 Summary that will be a part of the Action Memorandum  
13 documenting the selected cleanup alternative  
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15 MR HUNT

The Action Memorandum will be in the Information Repositories  
16 and available to the public once it is signed this fall If you signed  
17 in tonight at the table near the entrance and requested to receive a  
18 copy of the Action Memorandum, one will be mailed to you once  
19 the Action Memorandum has been signed  
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21 Now, with that said, we invite you to come to the standing  
22 microphone to my right, to your left, and make comments, if you  
23 would like, on the proposed cleanup alternatives I ask that you  
24 make comments and not ask questions that you need addressed  
25 tonight  
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27 Remember that we will provide answers to your comments in the  
28 Responsiveness Summary Please state your name before you  
29 begin your comments, and speak clearly so that the transcriptionist  
30 can accurately record your comments Please deal specifically  
31 with the cleanup alternatives presented in the EE/CA relating to the

1 removal of surface soil containing lead at the former pistol range  
2 on Dunn Field

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4 I would like to open the mike for comments We welcome you at  
5 this time

6 MR WILLIAMS Mondell Williams A little earlier you stated about managing the  
7 storm drains and the runoff of the water from Site 60 My thing is  
8 during previous presentations we discussed runoffs coming to that  
9 area So, have we solved the problem of the runoffs that's coming  
10 from other private lots that's running onto this area? Since, at one  
11 time it was discussed that the contamination was not part of the  
12 area that's being taken care of It was that other private properties  
13 had water or had the contamination flow coming from another  
14 piece of property onto this property And I was just wondering  
15 will that be contained as well when we contain or manage the  
16 storm drains and the soils to keep it from blowing when we remove  
17 it from the Dunn Field Site 60

18 MR HUNT Thank you for your comment

19 MS DORIS BRADSHAW I'm Doris Bradshaw, president of the Defense Depot  
20 Memphis, Tennessee Concerned Citizens I know that you are  
21 trying to focus on Site 60, but I don't know what you're going to  
22 focus on the whole Dunn Field, period And I know that you want  
23 us to maintain our comments just for Site 60, but you know I work  
24 on both sides of the line Because I'm going to talk about the  
25 whole area Because this is my concern

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27 Lead is a dangerous element that is in the earth on Dunn Field I'm  
28 wondering if DLA, the Defense Logistic Agency, is going to do a  
29 sloppy cleanup like they did with the mustard gas soil when they  
30 laid it out in the open with just open parts and the wind hit this

1 dust, and when they came and got the dirt on trucks that was not  
2 contained

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4 I want to know if you're going to use containment tents in the  
5 process of the cleanup, and how are you going to protect the kids  
6 from just any molecule of lead? Because our body is already over  
7 burdened with all types of chemicals in that area  
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9 MS DORIS BRADSHAW Now, you want to focus on one chemical I'm wondering  
10 about all the other chemicals that lies around in that area Why are  
11 you trying to get rid of just the lead? I know I wasn't here for the  
12 presentation, but I read the material that you sent out I want to  
13 know that -- I want to be reassured that the children in that area is  
14 going to be protected from any cleanup of lead or any other type of  
15 chemical And how are you going to do that?  
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17 Now, you said you didn't want to address any questions tonight,  
18 but I want these questions answered before I say yeah or nay that  
19 this is okay And I think that our community would feel secure if  
20 they know that this is not going to be another sloppy cleanup  
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22 I read also in that little pamphlet where Jan Reitman got an award  
23 for some little old stuff that DLA has been doing as far as the  
24 Brownfields section, but I want you to know that none of these  
25 communities throughout the country that is dealing with DLA, the  
26 Defense Logistic Agency, is not happy with these cleanups And I  
27 feel like that's just -- that's not a good thing, to make people  
28 believe that something is going on so well, and it's not  
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30 Because you don't see the bad side in the newsletters Like one  
31 side of the information that you sent us everything is all rosy and

1 good, and we have had problems after problems with the mustard  
2 gas soil We had problems after problems with the dieldrin  
3 cleanup, and now even -- I don't even know if you cleaned up the  
4 metal buildings that was over there that you was supposed to  
5 sandblast I don't even know if you all even thought to look at  
6 what is happening while you're doing the cleanup  
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8 MS D BRADSHAW The first time you put a shovel in Dunn Field, five people on one  
9 street died I don't know if it came from Dunn Field or what It  
10 was birds that died over in that area DLA never did address these  
11 issues Now they're going to expose the children again to dirty  
12 lead, and knowing that black youth, black children, black boys,  
13 period, can't stand the body burden of lead period They act worse  
14 than any other child They react in school They have all types of  
15 learning disorders from lead  
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17 And I want to know are you going to put a containment tent over  
18 this stuff while you're doing it or what are you going to do? Then I  
19 would be satisfied  
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21 And I feel like when you do these announcements, we have told  
22 people over and over -- Alma, I'm not going to attack how you get  
23 the message out, but I have been asking around to see if people got  
24 the announcements at the church Because I know that's one of the  
25 things that you normally do is send out the flyers and stuff But  
26 make sure of that when this is happening I think that we need 30  
27 more days, maybe 90 days for people -- it takes y'all years to get  
28 this information together, and then you're going to give the  
29 community 30 days to read this mess after it took you two or three  
30 years to put a packet together and then tell us to "Look over this



1 You've got 30 days to remember this or understand this language,"  
2 and then expect us to talk intelligently on the matter  
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4 Now, it's not just DLA It's all the government agencies When  
5 you prepare all these different materials, the community needs just  
6 as long as it took you to write it And I think that would be fair,  
7 that we have just as much time as it took you to write it for us to  
8 look over this material. And, believe me, I'm asking for 90 more  
9 days so that we can dissect this material so that we can understand  
10 what this is about, and we call the community meeting on our own  
11 Because you calling the community meeting, it's not going to  
12 work It never has worked, and I don't know what's going through  
13 your mind I guess you don't want it to work when we say it  
14 doesn't matter Because that's how I feel Because you keep  
15 continuing to do the same thing over and over Thank you

16 MR HUNT

Thank you for your comment Just as a reminder to everyone, our  
17 public comment period began on July 25, 2002 and it will end on  
18 August 23, 2002 and there are several ways to provide your  
19 comments You may either provide your comment on this evening  
20 or you can write it to me or fax or call

21 MS MARQUITA BRADSHAW My name is Marquita Bradshaw, and I know the

22 effects of lead as far as children I know several day cares around  
23 that site, not only just the children, but the adults that live in close  
24 proximity of that site  
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26 I understand that this would be the same process, basically, that  
27 was used before in cleaning up the mustard gas I want to make a  
28 comment on some of the health affects that have been seen within  
29 the community We have had -- as soon as any type of excavation  
30 of any type of materials are moved from the Depot, we see it in the  
31 community instantaneously through people that are already sick

1 because their body -- their resistance levels are already low, and so  
2 it wipes out many people in the community at a time And you can  
3 see the effects on the streets, and the ambulance and the police  
4 department Because once -- you know, once somebody calls 911  
5 because they are dead, you see the pattern on the streets  
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7 MS M BRADSHAW And the ambulances and the fire departments become frequent in  
8 our neighborhood when these excavations happen And we begin  
9 to see the pattern that's set forth each and every time you start to  
10 dig at Dunn Field or anywhere else over there, any type of  
11 excavation Whether it's to put new power lines or anything on that  
12 site, it causes havoc on human life Among the living some of the  
13 health affects from the excavation of dirt over there has caused,  
14 between just my friends, within real close proximity, maybe  
15 walking distance, like across the street wise, as far as the women's  
16 health affects is excessive bleeding every time any type of -- with  
17 the DLA and the mustard gas, excessive bleeding, and with the  
18 lead, also I'm sure it's going to attack the reproductive system just  
19 as the other things before, not only the mental affect that is has on  
20 the children Because you cannot reverse the process of the brain  
21 damage associated with lead  
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23 And I brought this up when we first started talking about lead  
24 removal I had the opportunity to be present at that meeting, and I  
25 asked will the children's health be -- and he assured me that it  
26 would be some type of containment  
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28 The containment that you have used before has not worked, and we  
29 cannot afford to do that again Because the human life toll has just  
30 gotten too far And people shouldn't have to live each and every  
31 day afraid about what's going on over there on that Depot, when

1 somebody is trying to restore it and give the land over to somebody  
2 else

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4 And there's 290 other chemicals that no one has ever talked about  
5 besides the three chemicals that you're removing, and the  
6 byproducts from those chemicals and how they affect human life  
7 It's just not lead over there in that dirt Have you even thought  
8 about the workers that would be coming over there who the work  
9 would be contracted out, where people are not in HAZMAT suits  
10 that come over there and risk their lives, and they are trying to  
11 provide for their children, and they may not go home?

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13 And for this process to go on, you have to reassure us that this  
14 process will be done correctly And the community needs to be  
15 evacuated Those schools do not need to be in operation when this  
16 happens Because we cannot afford for any mistakes to happen  
17 And with y'all's law, anything that will go wrong will absolutely go  
18 wrong, in my own terms, it will happen. Thank you very much  
19 You need to assure the community that nothing else will happen to  
20 our health and our lives

21 MR HUNT Thank you for your comment Any comment that you have on this  
22 evening, we ask that you deal specifically with the cleanup  
23 alternative that's presented in the EE/CA relating to the removal of  
24 soil containing lead at the former pistol range on Dunn Field  
25 Do you have anymore comments?

26 MS BROWN Ms Joy Brown I'm 53 years old, and if anybody is familiar with  
27 Father Bertrand High School, it's called Sandusky High School  
28 now I went all the way through high school at Father Bertrand,  
29 and I graduated in 1967 And Father Bertrand is not – it's up near  
30 Hamilton, which is not too far from the Army Depot and the  
31 problems that you're talking about

1 When we grew up, it was an area over near the Depot that had  
2 tents on top of it with bombs up under there And when I was a  
3 teenager, we were not allowed to go in that area because our  
4 parents said that it was a lot of people leaving hexes and things like  
5 that And they just said that it was a lot of people dying over there  
6 from cancer and all kinds of things

7  
8 MS BROWN At the time, we didn't know about the chemicals in that area It's  
9 been there since World War II, and there's no way that you're  
10 going to be able to clean lead or that gas or whatever is out of there  
11 in ten years or twenty years After every year that that stuff has  
12 been over there, I would put about maybe 50 years into one of  
13 those chemicals, and we're still not going to have the land back

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15 And as far as mother earth is concerned, I'm not worried about  
16 mother earth She takes care of herself She will take care of  
17 herself It's the people that are running these things over there  
18 that's messing it up What about the people that worked at the  
19 Army Depot? Have y'all ever asked about how many people died  
20 of cancer? I know three of them One of them is a neighbor of  
21 mine, and he was sick for years

22  
23 And what about the people that live around there or the people that  
24 went to school there who have moved to Timbuktu? And they died  
25 from certain cancers and stuff I have five children, two adopted  
26 and three birth children Neither one of my birth children will be  
27 able to have children So that tells me I'm dead When my last  
28 child dies, I'm gone My husband is gone

29  
30 Now, back and forth, it's all about money We all know that's what  
31 it is, and it's like this You're not going to do anything about it

1 You're going to patch it up like putting a Band-Aid on a three-inch  
2 wound that's in your throat It's not going to do any good

3  
4 Now, we're all on one side or another Nobody is straddling the  
5 fence What we both need to do is straddle the fence We'll never  
6 be able to get rid of those chemicals over there, but try to do  
7 something about it now Because that child who is brain damaged  
8 or the person that can't have children or whatever, you don't know  
9 what these people will do to you, to me, to anybody It's going to  
10 affect us all

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12 MS BROWN What about the people that worked at the Army Depot? It was just  
13 as many white folk over there as was black folks Y'all dying, too  
14 And black folk is like weeds We can grow anywhere

15  
16 I'm telling you right now, you better do something about this I  
17 don't know all the big words and all the stuff and everything that  
18 y'all know, and some people here look mighty, mighty bored  
19 Some people think it's funny Some people are here for the money  
20 Some people are here for the real thing, to try to do something  
21 about this Because this is affecting all of us

22  
23 People that lived in the state of Washington, have never been to  
24 Memphis in their life, it's affecting them It's affecting them So  
25 we better get busy and start doing something, trying not to make  
26 money off all of this, do something, clean it up Like my grandma  
27 said, we should have nipped it in bud, but it's too late now It's  
28 going to take us two, three four hundred years to clean that  
29 doggone place up, and that's the gospel truth, and y'all better think  
30 about this That's all I've got to say

31 MR HUNT Thank you for your comment

1 MS BROWN Uh-huh

2 MR HUNT Responses to your comments this evening are recorded by our  
3 transcriptionist who is here tonight Those responses received  
4 during this public comment period, which is once again, from July  
5 25, 2002 through August 23, 2002 will be documented and  
6 provided in a Responsiveness Summary that will be a part of the  
7 Action Memorandum documenting the cleanup alternative  
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9 If you signed in tonight at the table that's near the entrance and  
10 requested a copy of the Action Memorandum, one will be mailed  
11 to you once the Action Memorandum has been signed

12 MS DORIS BRADSHAW Could I ask you something? Could I ask you something?

13 MR HUNT You can provide any comment that you have

14 MR WILLIAMS I would like to make another comment In Site 60 -- excuse me  
15 My name is Mondell Williams, the Community RAB co-chair My  
16 question is -- or my statement is During the process of Site 60  
17 where the excavation will be done, my question is how far has the  
18 water penetrated the soil, and what has been the effects of the  
19 water with the Memphis Sand, the aquifer? Has the runoff or has  
20 the water penetrated the soil enough to contaminate the aquifers  
21 and how do we look toward fresh drinking water or the crack in the  
22 clay aquifer? Is it anywhere near Site 60? And, basically, what  
23 affects has it had on the Memphis Sand?

24 MR HUNT Thank you for your comment

25 MS DORIS BRADSHAW I didn't know I could come back up

26 MR HUNT State your name

27 MS DORIS BRADSHAW My name is Doris Bradshaw, president of the Defense  
28 Depot Memphis, Tennessee Concerned Citizen's Committee, also  
29 community liaison for the Coalition of the Black Trade Unions of  
30 the Carotene I want to know is there going to be a land use policy  
31 in place? Because what I'm seeing at the main facility is we were

1 told that when the children -- when you all cleaned up the area that  
2 was supposed to be for the homeless people, the buildings that --  
3 where the officers used to stay when they come to Memphis, we  
4 were told that you were going to clean up so many inches of the  
5 soil I think it was six inches And that -- and the question came  
6 up "Will there be any gardens? What if the people decide to plant  
7 gardens?" And, you know, low and behold I passed by there, and  
8 there was a garden and two little boys running around that site So  
9 we were lied to again Because we were worried about the  
10 children kicking up more than six inches of soil  
11

12 MS D BRADSHAW Now, it may have stated twelve inches, but I think it was six  
13 inches of soil that you were supposed to clean up How can we be  
14 reassured that as you do these cleanups and giving leases to the  
15 city, turning leases over to the city, giving land to the city, that the  
16 people that you're giving this land to is going to hold accountable  
17 to these land use policies?  
18

19 Now, clean ups are going on all over America on these military  
20 sites, but when we're told that there is supposed to be a land use  
21 policy -- I may be calling the name wrong, but you know exactly  
22 what I'm talking about How can the communities be reassured that  
23 you don't go plant a darn garden over on Dunn Field or you don't  
24 start building houses on Dunn Field? Because you said the lead is  
25 gone, and there's still 200 and something more chemicals laying  
26 over there  
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28 How can the community be reassured that you're not going to give  
29 this land to somebody that is going to develop this land and just  
30 start digging and exposing us to more chemicals? I want to know  
31 how many inches of this soil you're going to dig up, where it's

1 going and where it's going to end up at And I hope not into  
2 another poor black community, as always, like Tunica got one  
3 truck load over there, and I don't know where the scrap iron went  
4 to But I did hear on the news that there was radiation on some of  
5 the scrap iron, and low and behold, the Defense Depot in Ripley --  
6 the Defense Depot was getting rid of scrap metal So, I don't know  
7 if it was yours or somebody else's  
8

9 MS D BRADSHAW But we need to know from the cradle to the grave on everything  
10 that is done here on the Defense Depot I'm requesting all  
11 information be given to the organization of the Concerned Citizen's  
12 Committee, all I'm tired of asking for information after every  
13 report comes out that I've got to ask for another report Because  
14 this is on record And I get nothing  
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16 I don't feel like I should have to write anyone Because when the  
17 Mid-South Peace and Justice sat on this Board, every document  
18 there was, the Mid-South Peace and Justice got those documents  
19 I want it all I think our organization needs it all to start looking  
20 through this and preparing for it so that we can give to the  
21 community from the community point of view That's the only  
22 way that we can understand by looking at your reports Because  
23 we can't even make a report Because we don't have the engineers  
24 or the doctors to do it  
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26 If you have the land use form in place, I want to see it, and if this  
27 part of the EE/CA -- the E-E-C-A, is that what it's called? The  
28 EE/CA? I want to make sure that we have all the information as  
29 you go, step by step Because I don't want to see someone using  
30 Dunn Field as farm and giving vegetables to the community  
31 Thank you



1 MR HUNT Thank you for your comments

2 MS MARQUITA BRADSHAW I would like to know would there be a process to stop  
3 the excavation if it is not done like it said on paper? Because  
4 somehow when things are put on paper and how they are to be  
5 carried out, as far as cleanup is concerned with Site 60, will there  
6 be a person that we could actually call and hold -- and report to and  
7 have them come look at how the cleanup process is going, if it is  
8 going on illegally? My name is Marquita Bradshaw

9 MR HUNT Thank you Once again, on this evening we ask that your  
10 comments deal specifically with the cleanup alternative that is  
11 presented in the Engineering Evaluation Cost Analysis

12 MS BROOKS Peggy Brooks, RAB board member Honestly, I don't know that  
13 much I do not have the academic background in biology or  
14 chemistry or any of that All I know is that I represent some  
15 elderly people, some children on Hays Road And my only  
16 comment is that of the alternatives, I'm trusting that somehow the  
17 best of the three will be chosen And should we get to the place  
18 where we need to inform the community in terms of evacuation,  
19 although I'm hoping that it should never come to that but in a dire  
20 circumstance, if we can be notified immediately, if it should even  
21 come to that I'm hoping and trusting that it won't

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23 But just select the alternative that is best I must defer to  
24 somebody else's judgement because I don't know that much about  
25 it one way or the other I'm just trusting -- and this is me, my  
26 personal thing I'm just trusting that in the human nature and the  
27 goodness of human beings that the best choice will be made This  
28 is me

1 As for me and my house, we serve the Lord, and I'm not bothered  
2 I am protected I am shielded by the grace of God and Jesus  
3 Christ So I am found And, once again, I have no animosity, no  
4 problems with anybody I'm trusting in God for my security  
5 Thank you so much

6 MR HUNT Thank you for your comment If we have no further comments on  
7 this evening, we thank you for attending the presentation on the  
8 removal of surface soil containing lead at the former pistol range  
9 on Dunn Field We thank you for your participation. Do we have  
10 anymore comments for this evening?

11 MR JOHNSON I tried to be earlier, but I couldn't come But my name is Carl  
12 Johnson I live at 2415 Drake Cove I have plenty of concern  
13 about the health of the people who live near the Depot We've seen  
14 a number of illnesses a lot of people have associated with either the  
15 plumes at Dunn Field or some of the contaminants somewhere in  
16 the environment We've had a lot of unusual cancers  
17

18 And, so, we have been talking about this issue as long as we've  
19 been talking about redoing the facility, and I would appreciate  
20 getting some kind of report on what your findings have been from  
21 the surveys you have done

22 MR HUNT Comments on this evening are to address only the removal of the  
23 surface soil containing lead at the former pistol range on Dunn  
24 Field

25 MR JOHNSON Yeah, I saw that notice but that's a ---

26 MR HUNT Those are the comments that are addressed on this evening

27 MR JOHNSON Okay, the lead, even for the lead in Dunn Field from the firing  
28 range, to me, it is a possible carcinogen I would like to know if  
29 you have done any report to ascertain the carcinogenic affects of  
30 the pistol range? Would you be sending us material on that?

1 MR HUNT We will respond to all comments on this evening in the  
 2 Responsiveness Summary It will be a part of the Action  
 3 Memorandum that will be available this fall

4 MR JOHNSON Thank you

5 MS MARQUITA BRADSHAW My name is Marquita Bradshaw Will we have time  
 6 to respond back to the questions after you have answered them?  
 7 This was my first question And, second, I want to clarify my  
 8 questions before and how they do pertain to this site The  
 9 correlation is connected to the type of cleanup that you have been  
 10 doing before, these three choices Some of the choices we've  
 11 chosen before have been the best alternatives, but the  
 12 implementation of these alternatives has been shotty, and it does  
 13 pertain to this Site 60 Because after we decide which one we  
 14 would like or which one would you like to do -- which most of the  
 15 time it ends up It has nothing to do with the community, what  
 16 they want The implementation fails, and it endangers people's  
 17 lives Do you understand when you dig for lead in this Site 60 that  
 18 that is not the only contaminant that you are dealing with?

19 MS DORIS BRADSHAW That's right

20 MS MARQUITA BRADSHAW And once you test the site, are you going to be testing  
 21 for other chemicals besides lead and its affects and exposing the  
 22 community to it? Will you have a monitoring process to recognize  
 23 any type of patterns within the surrounding neighborhoods as far as  
 24 human health? I trust in the Lord, also, but I don't trust man

25

26 I have a list of questions, and I hope I don't forget one Because  
 27 the way you're asking, I don't want you to stamp "not pertaining to  
 28 Site 60" on these questions Because each and every last one of  
 29 these questions pertain to Site 60 Because how you've handled  
 30 the situation before depends on whether or not we trust you to do it  
 31 again

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2 There needs to be an evacuation process for the neighbors and  
3 schools and day cares and also the elderly people that are not  
4 ambulant and cannot move out of the beds because they are home  
5 sick, and also the neighboring communities, the businesses  
6 Because you have -- at Site 60 have you also evaluated the possible  
7 affects of contaminating our finest, our Memphis finest, police  
8 officers and our fire department that's on Dunn Field now and the  
9 other businesses and their affects? Will they be notified of this  
10 evacuation and to let their workers know not to be coming around  
11 this process?

12  
13 Will it be business as normal with the removal of either one of the  
14 three plans that you propose? Do you have an evacuation plan for  
15 Site 60 if something should go wrong? Do you have a person that  
16 we can call and notify that the implementation of Site 60 is wrong  
17 and it is affecting the community? Do you have a process to stop it  
18 and evacuate the people?

19  
20 Excuse me for repeating myself, but I think I have to do this and be  
21 redundant Because the questions that we have set forth have not  
22 been answered at my level of satisfaction Thank you

23 MR HUNT Thank you for your comments The responses to the comments,  
24 once again, will be provided in a Responsiveness Summary that  
25 will be a part of the Action Memorandum documenting the  
26 selected cleanup alternatives The Action Memorandum will be in  
27 the Information Repositories and available for the public review

28 MS MARQUITA BRADSHAW On what date will that be in the repository?

29 MS DORIS BRADSHAW And will we be able to respond back and get our response  
30 back to your response? Because I know you're looking blank  
31 because it ain't in the process, and it ain't never been in the process

1 You answer us whop-sided and then turn around and state what  
2 you want to say and don't answer the questions in the first place,  
3 and then the government go on and do what the heck they want to  
4 do We're tired of this, and I mean darn tired, and, so, you can sit  
5 there and smirk all you want to I know they tell you what to do  
6 You've got your marching orders, but we're not happy with the  
7 process and ain't never been happy with it And when we see our  
8 people die and you keep talking about, well, it doesn't have  
9 anything -- yes, it does The water, the air, the soil has something  
10 to do with our community being sick

11 MR HUNT Thank you Do we have anymore comments for this evening?

12 MS DORIS BRADSHAW Still I'm requesting a 90-day -- 90 extra days to be placed on  
13 this I'm still requesting from the community, from our  
14 organization, that we have 90 more days to examine the material

15 MR HUNT If we have no further comments, we thank you for your attendance  
16 on this evening and your participation Thank you This meeting is  
17 adjourned  
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**WHEREUPON, THE PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT  
7:30 P.M.**

**Attendance List**  
**Restoration Advisory Board Members**

Mr Mondell Williams	RAB Co-Chair
Mr John DeBack	Interim Facility Co-Chair
Mr Turpin Ballard	Environmental Protection Agency
Mr Jim Morrison	Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Mr Eugene Brayon	Citizen Representative
Ms Doris Bradshaw	Environmental Representative (DDMT-CCC)
Ms Peggy Brooks	Citizen Representative
Mr Clyde Hunt	Remedial Program Manager
Mr Torrence Myers	Memphis Light, Gas, & Water (MLGW)
Mr Eugene Brayon	Community Member

**Others in Attendance**

Ms Alma Black Moore	Frontline Communications
Mr Trevor S Diggins	Frontline Communications
Ms Adrienne Hill	Frontline Communications
Mr Bruce Railey	Corps of Engineers – Hunstville
Mr David Nelson	CH2M Hill
Mr Benjamin Moore	ATSDR
Mr Michael Dobbs	DDC
Ms Marquita Bradshaw	Community Member
Ms Joy Brown	Community Member
Ms Chelia Bradshaw	Community Member
Ms Courtney Smith	Community Member
Mr Carl Johnson	Community Member

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