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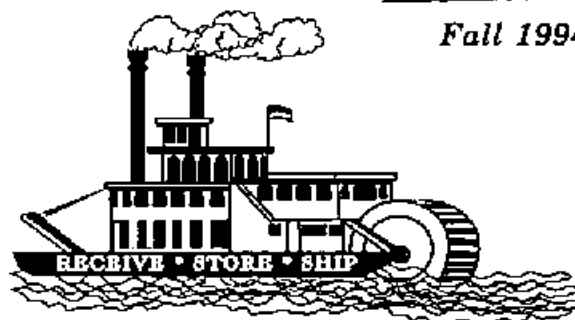
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The Restoration Newsletter

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WELCOME!

This is the first in a series of newsletters that will be distributed by the Defense Distribution Depot to inform the public of the ongoing restoration efforts that are underway at the Depot.

The bulletins will inform the community of the past activities as well as the future plans for remediation and restoration at the facility.

FACILITY HISTORY

Prior to 1942 the site now known as the Defense Distribution Depot was primarily used for growing cotton. On January 26, 1942, the facility opened as the Army General Supply Depot. During World War II the Depot served as an internment center for 800 prisoners of war.

The mission of the Depot is to receive, store, and ship a variety of stock items such as clothing, medicines, construction supplies, and hazardous materials.

During the site's 50-year history, solid waste and chemicals were buried on site - the approved disposal method at the time. Since that time steps have been taken to identify contamination and restore the site.

In 1988, a preliminary Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study was conducted to

test for soil and groundwater contamination. The preliminary investigation/study results included identification of levels of pesticides in the site's fire reservoir and at the golf course pond. Volatile organic chemicals and heavy metals were detected in the groundwater.

Soil samples also revealed volatile organic chemicals, some hydrocarbons, and pesticides at locations where chemicals were spilled or leaked on the main installation. Groundwater monitoring wells indicated volatile organic chemicals and heavy metal contamination from the Fluvial Aquifer which flows beneath Dunn Field.

The city's drinking water is pumped from a different aquifer, the Memphis Sands Aquifer, and to date no contamination from the Fluvial Aquifer has been found in the Memphis Sands Aquifer.

On October 14, 1992, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) placed the Depot on the Superfund National Priorities List. This list serves as a guide in assessing the extent and nature of public health and environmental risks and in determining appropriate cleanup actions.

Currently, a follow-on Remedial Investigation is in progress. As the Superfund process continues, the Depot will make the findings known to the public through community relations efforts. This will include newsletters, mailings, and public meetings.

CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS FORMED AT THE DEPOT

The Depot formed a Technical Review Committee (TRC) in February to act as an advisory group during the environmental assessment process.

The group reviewed technical data and work plans for proposed environmental activities at the Depot to ensure that public health and welfare are addressed with environmental issues.

Committee members were from the EPA, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Memphis and Shelby County Mayor's offices, Memphis/Shelby County Health Department, Memphis City Council, Shelby County Board of Commissioners, Mid-South Peace and Justice Center, and Memphis Light, Gas, and Water Company.

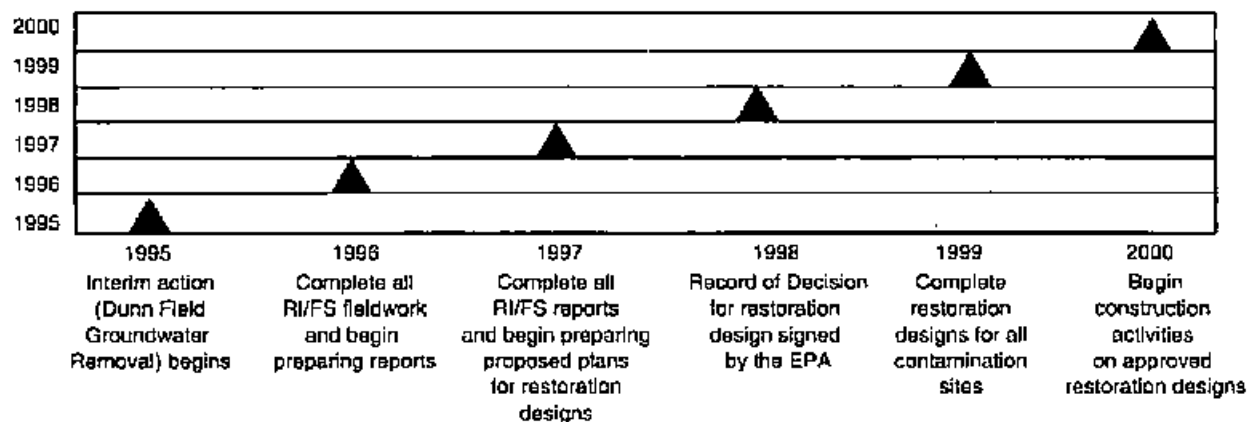
The TRC held three meetings and then converted into a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) in July to involve a larger representation of the local community.

The RAB will continue to serve as a citizen advisory committee to the Depot. RAB members are:

- Martha Berry • Karen Blanks
- Jordan English • Reginald French
- James Goines • Carter Gray
- Janet Hooks • Barbara Johnson
- Christine Kartman (Installation Co-chair)
- Helyn Keith • Cleo Kirk
- Johnnie Mae Peters • Doris Prather
- Larry Smith (Community Co-chair)
- Veronica Smith • Barbara Sonnenburg
- W.A. Suggs • Ulysses Truitt
- James Webb • Willie Mae Willett

The RAB is planning its next meeting for October 20th at 6:00 pm in the Commander's Conference Room at the Depot and will meet quarterly, or as needed.

TIMELINE FOR RESTORATION ACTIVITIES



Fall 1994

DID YOU KNOW?

The Depot has been meeting the needs of the U.S. Armed Forces and the Memphis community for more than 50 years. The Depot has supported every war effort and humanitarian effort since its opening in 1942. Some of these recent operations include:

- Provided humanitarian relief to the victims of Hurricane Hugo in Charleston, South Carolina; Hurricane Andrew in Miami, Florida; and Hurricane Iniki in Hawaii
- Furnished massive quantities of military supplies in support of Operation Desert Storm
- Shipping food and medical supplies in support of U.S. operations in Somalia
- Providing food and medical supplies for Rwanda
- Distributing food, cots, and medical supplies for Haitian and Cuban refugees

FOR MORE INFORMATION call the Depot's Environmental Hotline at (901)775-4569 or complete and return the form below and we'll keep you informed of our progress.

**REPOSITORIES**

Information Repositories have been established at three local facilities. These repositories house copies of documents and information pertaining to the restoration efforts at the Depot.

For more detailed information on the studies to date visit one of the three repositories listed below:

Memphis/Shelby County Public Library
Main Branch, Govt. and Law Section
1850 Peabody, Memphis, TN 38104-4025

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

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OCTOBER 20, 1994
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