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Ms. Christine Kartman
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Environmental Protection and
Safety Office, DDMT-DE
2163 Airways Boulevard
Memphis, Tennessee 38114-5210

Dear Ms. Kartman:

I wish to thank you and your staff for the cordial welcome and support extended to us during our presentation to the RAB and site visit on October 20 - 21, 1994. The success of our visit to the Defense Distribution Depot, Memphis, Tennessee (DDMT) was due to the outstanding cooperation provided by many individuals at DDMT. We would like to extend a special thanks to you, your staff, and Mr. Ulysses Truitt for the time and effort spent in guiding us on our site visit on October 21, 1994. Having the opportunity to view the installation and nearby neighborhoods provided information necessary to begin preparation of the public health assessment for DDMT.

As discussed with you, the purpose of our site visit was to gather information to determine potential public health issues by evaluating the potential for past, current, and future exposure pathways. The groundwater contamination from Dunn Field is most likely the most important public health issue at DDMT and is being addressed through the Proposed Groundwater Action Plan, introduced at the RAB Meeting. We will be reviewing all groundwater data pertinent to potential groundwater pathways and will bring our concerns, if any, to your attention. The most difficult pathways, however, to document will be past air and surface water drainage. For air, an evaluation of any continuous source or one-time large burning or spill of hazardous materials will be the information needed. If you do not know of any such activity, please document that with us.

Evaluation of the potential for surface water to carry contaminants can be approached by soil sampling in the drainage areas. As you begin to develop sampling plans we would be glad to discuss with you our views as to how best to evaluate the past

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1. Is the Document List in the RAB notebook the Administrative Record? If not, please provide it.
2. Please provide a brief list of the type(s) of medical surveillance program(s) that are carried out at DDMT.
3. Please provide a brief historical summary of the PCB Transformers Removal Program, including times of heaviest activity and means of disposal.
4. Please provide further documentation of impregnate disposal at DDMT. Was impregnate disposal common or did it occur more than the two times (in 1946 and 1947)? Is there any other documentation available on the history of similar burials in the Dunn Field Area before a "formal" list was started in 1956? (In the Site Management Plan, a 1956 map of Dunn Field showed 21 burial sites.)
5. Please provide a brief historical summary of the Dip Tank Operation and Removal Action associated with it.
6. Please mail us a copy of the CERCLA and RCRA map sites surrounding DDMT. (Our faxed copy is not legible.)
7. Please provide a brief summary of the collapsed building incident we discussed in the van. (This building is the one with the white, tension fabric, near Perry Road.) This information is needed to document the potential releases to the air that may (or may not) have occurred.
8. Please provide a brief description of the fire that occurred when the plane crashed into the storage building containing medical supplies and women's clothing. Also, please provide a list of items stored in this building. This information is needed to document that no hazardous chemicals were stored in this building at that time.
9. Please provide a brief description of mustard burial activities at DDMT. Do you have any future sampling plans to further delineate the site location, contents, etc., of mustard burial(s)?

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