



THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD COVER SHEET

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**FACT SHEET
FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT
DEFENSE DEPOT MEMPHIS
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
DECEMBER, 1994**

This fact sheet is designed to assist residents and local officials in understanding the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) and how it pertains to the Depot's Environmental Restoration Program.

INTRODUCTION

The FFA is designed to assure that the Depot conducts the work necessary to ensure that the environmental impacts associated with past and present activities at the site are thoroughly investigated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and all provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERLA), the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and applicable Tennessee State Law.

DESCRIPTION OF AGREEMENT

The FFA is a legal and binding document between all parties to clearly define the process that will be followed to complete the restoration of the facility. The agreement includes a list of affected parties, enforceability, facility descriptions, findings of facts, background information, and other technical details. The document also includes terminology, a summary of existing studies and reports, and the Site Management Plan (SMP). The SMP describes the operable units to be investigated and proposed schedules for work completion. These schedules are enforceable and binding to ensure progress toward restoration. Negotiation on this agreement began in February 1992 and has involved months of negotiation between the Depot, EPA, and TDEC so that all parties would feel their regulations were given appropriate consideration.

WHY SIGN A FFA?

The FFA is designed to encourage cooperation, exchange of information and participation between the Depot, EPA and TDEC. The agreement is designed to identify the appropriate response actions necessary to protect public health, welfare, and the environment of the local community. Agreements are usually signed when there has been a release or a potential release of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, solid wastes, hazardous wastes, hazardous materials from the Facility.

WHY IS THE DEPOT SIGNING THE FFA?

The Depot poses a potential threat of releasing hazardous materials into the groundwater of the Memphis Sands Aquifer. Although testing has not shown any hazardous substances in this aquifer, the potential for exposure does exist, therefore the need exists for cleanup of the facility. The Depot is signing the agreement to assure that the cleanup occurs in a timely manner, as well as in appropriate response to EPA Regulations, and Tennessee State laws. The Depot is making this commitment to ensure that the public health and welfare is protected against any contamination that might occur.

HOW DOES THIS AGREEMENT AFFECT YOU?

As a member of the local community the FFA will assure you that the Depot is expediting the cleanup/restoration process. The Depot in accordance with FFA will continue to solicit community comments and interaction on each of the proposed restoration activities. The FFA will assure you that the potential for contamination is removed from your community.

WHERE TO REVIEW THE FFA

Copies of the FFA have been placed in the following information repositories for public review and comment:

Memphis Shelby County
Library Main Branch
1850 Peabody
Memphis, TN
(901) 725-8877

Cherokee Branch
Public Library
3300 Sharpe Avenue
Memphis, TN
(901) 743-3655

Memphis/Shelby County
Health Department
Pollution Control
814 Jefferson Avenue
Memphis, TN
(901) 576-7775

HOW TO COMMENT ON THE FFA:

Comments will be accepted until January 4, 1995, please send written comments on the FFA to:

Mr. Jon D. Johnston, Chief
Federal Facilities Branch
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
345 Courtland Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30365

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