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Dunn Field revised cleanup plan announced

Public invited to comment on revised proposed cleanup alternative in October

Memphis, Tenn – (Oct 27, 2008) - For a 30-day period beginning October 27, and ending November 25, the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) invites the public to comment on a Revised Proposed Plan for cleanup of soil and groundwater at, and to the northwest of, Dunn Field at the former Memphis Depot.

The Dunn Field Revised Proposed Plan outlines the reasons for proposing changes to the soil and groundwater cleanup remedies selected in the 2004 Dunn Field Record of Decision and presents the revised preferred cleanup alternatives. The public can submit comments in writing, by phone, or in person at a public comment meeting November 13.

“The Dunn Field Revised Proposed Plan marks an important milestone in our environmental cleanup,” said Michael Dobbs, chief, Environment, Safety and Occupational Health for the Defense Distribution Center and a member of the Base Realignment and Closure Cleanup Team. “Our evaluation of the best methods to clean up soil and groundwater has led us to revise the cleanup remedies and will allow us to move forward with the environmental cleanup in order to return this site to productive community reuse.”

The fundamental change proposed to the selected remedies for the 2004 Dunn Field ROD that requires public comment includes:

- Air sparging (AS) and soil vapor extraction (SVE) instead of a Permeable Reactive Barrier to treat shallow groundwater that has moved to the northwest of Dunn Field. AS injects air into the groundwater causing the solvents to turn to vapor. The SVE

system will pull the vapors into a treatment system that will filter the vapors to safely remove the solvents. The proposed location for the AS/SVE system is along the south side of Menager Road at the Memphis Light Gas and Water Division substation.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) will review the effectiveness of the cleanup remedies at five-year intervals.

The Dunn Field Revised Proposed Plan summarizes information that can be found in greater detail in the Dunn Field Record of Decision, Dunn Field Remedial Investigation, the Soils and Groundwater Feasibility Studies, the Dunn Field Source Areas Remedial Design and other documents related to this environmental cleanup project. All documents are available for public review at the Information Repository, located at the Memphis Depot Business Park, 2245 Truitt Street.

During the 30-day public comment period, citizens are invited to provide written comments via mail to the Former Memphis Depot, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, 2245 Truitt Street, Memphis, Tenn. 38114 or by email to michael.dobbs@dla.mil or stacy.umstead@dla.mil. Verbal comments can be submitted via the Community Information Line at (901) 774-3683.

Comments can also be made in person at the public comment meeting November 13 at the Ruth Tate Center, 1620 Marjorie Street. A technical presentation summarizing the Revised Proposed Plan will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the public comment period from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Based on new information or public comments, DLA may modify the proposed changes to the selected remedy in consultation with the EPA and TDEC. Written responses to public comments made at the meeting will be provided in a Responsiveness Summary that will be included in the Dunn Field Record of Decision Amendment to be signed by DLA, EPA and TDEC. The final Dunn Field Record of Decision Amendment will be available to the public at the Information Repository.

For more information, please contact Stacy Umstead, DDC Public Affairs at (717) 770-2880.

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