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Former Memphis Depot to begin final environmental cleanup actions

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – (July 30, 2009) As part of the former Memphis Depot's commitment to clean up the environment, the final phase of the cleanup project began in June 2009 with preparations to construct the treatment system for shallow groundwater that has moved west of Dunn Field as outlined in the Dunn Field Record of Decision Amendment.

Environmental contractors for the former Memphis Depot are preparing to construct an Air Sparging and Soil Vapor Extraction, or SVE, system to remove contaminants from shallow groundwater under the Memphis Light, Gas and Water substation on Menager Road. All work will be accomplished in accordance with Department of Defense, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation requirements.

Prior to construction, environmental contractors will be contacting selected property owners to conduct surveys of residential properties west of Dunn Field. After completing the survey, the contractors may collect soil and soil vapor samples from the yards of some residences located at the edge of the groundwater plume.

Survey areas include:

Area 1 (Cassaretto M Subdivision) – Three properties located on the northeast end of Rozelle Street south of Menager Road, as well as one property on the northwest end of that same street section.

Area 2 (Gaslight Square Subdivision) – Those properties located on the east side of Meadowhill Street starting on the corner of Meadowhill and Menager Road and extending south for the first three properties.

Area 3 (Dilatush and Crane Subdivision) – Those properties located on the west side of Ragan Street starting on the corner of Ragan and Menager Road and extending north to (and including) the Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

The property survey includes a visual inspection of buildings on the property to see if they are built on slabs or have basements. Depending on the results of the survey, property owners may be asked for permission to collect soil samples down to depths of about 18 feet and to install sampling probes to collect soil vapor data to determine if there are any impacts to residential air quality from contaminants in the groundwater.

Soil vapor data will be collected before and just after operations of Air Sparging and SVE systems begin. These sampling activities are proactive measures being taken by the Defense Logistics Agency with concurrence from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Similar soil vapor monitoring activities are being conducted at other groundwater cleanup sites in Tennessee.

These environmental cleanup efforts are all a part of the former Memphis Depot's commitment to restore, reuse and revitalize this facility. If you have further questions, please call Stacy Umstead at (717) 770-2880.

NOTE: Fact Sheets further explaining the survey protocols and air sparging/soil vapor methods are attached for your information.