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SOIL REMOVAL BEGINS AT FORMER PISTOL RANGE ON DUNN FIELD

MEMPHIS, TENN — As part of the Memphis Depot's ongoing environmental cleanup program, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its contractors are scheduled to begin removing soil containing lead from Site 60, known as the former pistol range on Dunn Field.

The removal project is expected to begin this winter. The work site is located at the northeastern section of Dunn Field near Person and Hays Road.

During the Dunn Field Remedial Investigation (RI), it was determined that surface soil in this area contained lead as a result of its past use as a pistol range to train military personnel. The cleanup is being conducted as a non-time-critical removal action in advance of the Proposed Plan for Dunn Field.

As stated in the Site 60 Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EECA), soil will be removed to a depth of approximately 12 inches. Once the surface soil has been removed, additional soil samples will be taken from the excavation area to ensure the remaining soil is safe for future use. Sampling results from the RI confirmed that the lead detected in this area has not affected the groundwater or other areas of Dunn Field.

Solutions To Environmental Problems (STEP), Inc., a minority-owned small business with headquarters in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, has been awarded the contract to assist Jacobs Engineering, Inc. STEP specializes in environmental restoration, leak detection, construction, and construction management.

This removal action will be conducted according to the environmental cleanup requirements outlined in the Comprehensive Environmental, Response and Liability Act (CERCLA) and in accordance with the standards used by the Office of Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

“The health and safety of the community and our workers is our first priority,” said Clyde Hunt, Remedial Program Manager at the Depot. “Throughout the removal process, our contractors will follow the best environmental practices outlined in the Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan.”

Excavated soil will be loaded directly from the site into covered trucks for transport to a licensed disposal facility. After the excavation, all equipment will be cleaned, and the water will be collected in 55-gallon drums for sampling and safe disposal.

The Proposed Plan for additional cleanup remedies at Dunn Field will be presented to the public for review and comment in the spring of 2003. All existing and future documents are made available for public reference in the Depot’s three Information Repositories located at the Depot, the Memphis/Shelby County Health Department and the Cherokee Branch Library.

For more information on the Memphis Depot environmental cleanup initiatives, please call the Community Relations Office at (901) 544-0613.

The Depot’s next scheduled Restoration Advisory Board meeting is February 21, 2003, at the South Memphis Senior Citizens Center located at 1620 Marjorie Street.

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