

RAB MEMBER PROFILE:

A Conversation with Ulysses Truitt

As the former Director of Installation Services at the Memphis Depot and an employee at the Depot for a total of 37 years, Ulysses Truitt brings a great deal of expertise to his position as a member of the Depot's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). Mr. Truitt and his wife, Juanita, a retired school teacher, live in the Memphis Depot community and have three sons.

"My background at the Depot allowed me to know what went on environmentally and, consequently, I owe the community my service on the RAB to ensure that correct actions are taken, as well as to dispel rumors about the existence of potential threats to the community," said Mr. Truitt.

Mr. Truitt said the RAB, with its cross-section of community members and technical representatives from environmental agencies, is helping to ensure that the restoration of the Depot is being done properly.

From a technical perspective, Mr. Truitt said that the contractors who provide cleanup services are doing an excellent job and that the plans set out for the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study are "above board and exact."

"I'd like to tell the community that the cleanup initiative is progressing to the expected point of complete compliance with Environmental Protection Agency laws. The community can rest assured that there are no

imminent threats to the environment or the health of the community. I look forward to the near future when the former Defense Depot exceeds environmental standards anywhere in the Memphis area and becomes a prime industrial facility," said Mr. Truitt.

In the year 2000, Mr. Truitt would like for more members of the community to attend RAB meetings and wants to see the RAB accomplish three things: improve the Information Repositories as well as presentations concerning restoration issues; concentrate on Depot cleanup issues and refer other community issues to the proper agencies; and assure the community that the money being spent on cleanup efforts is a reinvestment back into the Depot community.

In addition to his work on the RAB, Mr. Truitt is also President of the Alcy-Ball Neighborhood Association, Superintendent of Sunday School and a member of the choir at Beulah Baptist Church, and serves on the board of AmeriCorp. □



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Whitehaven High School's Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) students have partnered with the Memphis Depot's Community Relations Office to distribute EnviroNews throughout the community. Marketing teacher Karen Bryant Simmons and her students are responsible for ensuring the copies of EnviroNews are correctly labeled in preparation for mailing to more

than 4,600 homes and businesses in the area. Students receive an honorarium for their efforts, which goes back to their club to fund programs. □

