

CWM REMOVAL PROJECT COMPLETED:

Environmental cleanup continues at Dunn Field

With the chemical warfare materiel (CWM) removal project now completed, the Memphis Depot environmental team is moving forward with the next steps to restore Dunn Field for productive reuse.

Depot staff and contractors involved in the CWM cleanup highlighted the final steps of the project at an open house for the media in May. Their presentation, which was also given at the May Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting, also focused on other activities that are now taking place to complete the investigation and cleanup of the soil and groundwater on Dunn Field.

During the presentation, Clyde Hunt, the Depot's Remedial Project Manager, described the CWM Transportation and Disposal Plan for all excavated soils and materials that was approved by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT). Based on this plan, all CWM-related materials were removed from the site to approved waste management facilities outside the state of Tennessee. The BCT includes representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).

"We're already moving forward with the next phases of the environmental cleanup at Dunn Field, as required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)," said Hunt. "According

to CERCLA, each phase must be completed and approved by the BCT before the next phase can begin. This is the same process we followed for the cleanup of the Main Installation."

- The Remedial Investigation (RI) will provide the BCT with an in-depth scientific analysis of the environmental conditions at Dunn Field and the potential risks to human health and the environment. This information will be used by the BCT to identify areas on Dunn Field that require cleanup. The RI is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2001 and will be placed in the Depot's Information Repositories (IR) for public review.

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UPCOMING RAB MEETINGS

The RAB includes community members who review proposed plans and actions and provide input on the environmental cleanup activities.

The next RAB meeting is Thursday, July 19 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Sanders Facilities, 2600 Elvis Presley Boulevard. The presentation will feature an update on the groundwater cleanup program. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information call (901) 544-0613.



John DeBack (left), Base Transition Coordinator at the Memphis Depot, presents RAB Community Co-Chair Mondell Williams with a signed certificate and a numbered coin in recognition of Mr. Williams' service as RAB Community Co-Chair. A certificate and coin were also given to former Community Co-Chair Kevin Clay.