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FOST #3 clears more Depot property for transfer

The public is asked to comment on the third Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) prepared by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and the Department of the Army for surplus property at the former Defense Distribution Depot. A 30-day public comment period began March 25, 2004.

FOST #3 consists of 65 buildings and 249.21 acres of open land areas on the former Main Installation, which is now known as the Memphis Depot Business Park. It also includes 37.45 acres of recreational property, which includes the former Depot golf course.

The FOST process is a requirement of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act to transfer the ownership of federal property for community redevelopment. FOST #3 includes a report that details the historic uses of the property and buildings proposed

for transfer, as well as any environmental issues and cleanup remedies that may have been required.

The report concludes that, in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Memphis Depot Business Park area is suitable for transfer to the Memphis Depot Redevelopment Corporation (DRC) while the golf course area is suitable for transfer to the City of Memphis.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) have reviewed FOST #3. It is now available for review in the Depot's Information Repositories at the Cherokee Branch Library, Memphis/Shelby County Health Department, and the Memphis Depot Community Outreach Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
MARCH 25- APRIL 26, 2004

Written comments can be sent to:

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You may also provide verbal comments by phone at (901) 544-0613.

For more information about FOST #3 or the ongoing environmental restoration program at the former Memphis Depot, call the Community Relations Office at (901) 544-0613.



Goodbye John!

The Defense Logistics Agency and the Memphis Depot environmental team bid a fond farewell to John

De Back who left the Depot at the end of March to take a position at the Pentagon.

Mr. De Back joined the Depot team in 1993 as the Base Transition Coordinator. In that role, he managed the closure of the Depot and acted as a liaison between the Memphis Depot Redevelopment Corporation (DRC) and the environmental cleanup team to ensure that cleanup issues related to the DRC's plans for reuse were addressed.

He took on additional duties as the Depot Site Manager in 1999 and the

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Environmental Coordinator (BEC) in 2001. As the BEC, he was responsible for overseeing the cleanup program at the Depot and working with regulators as a member of the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT). He also served as the Facility Co-Chair of the Restoration Advisory Board.

"I've enjoyed working together with the RAB, the community and the environmental team over the years as the cleanup program has progressed," said Mr. De Back. "It is gratifying to me to see so much of the Main Installation already being reused by the community, and the environmental team preparing to start the final Remedial Action phase of the cleanup program at both the MI and Dunn Field." □

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