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Metal casings found at the former Memphis Depot environmental cleanup site

Memphis, Tenn. – As part of the ongoing environmental cleanup program at the former Memphis Depot, soil excavations were underway at Dunn Field Thursday, December 13, when two metal casings were found. According to the Health and Safety Plan for the former Memphis Depot, the Department of the Army was contacted immediately and an ordnance team of specialists has been dispatched to the site that will identify next steps, including the safe handling and removal of the devices. All work in the area surrounding the materials has been discontinued, and local police and fire departments have been notified and will monitor the situation. The location has been continuously monitored and there has been no harm to site workers, the public or the environment.

After a visual inspection of the casings, one appears to be a crushed bomb casing and the other appears to be an intact bomb casing. The intact casing measures approximately two and a half feet long and was located about two feet below ground level. The excavation site is in the western-central portion of Dunn Field and is secured and contained. It could not be immediately confirmed if the intact bomb casing was an empty casing, a sand-filled practice bomb or live ordnance.

engineering-environmental Management, Inc., or e2M, is handling excavation at the site through the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment, or AFCEE. The work is being done at the former Memphis Depot on behalf of Defense Logistics Agency.

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