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DPSC Holds its First RAB Meeting

The first official meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC) was held on June 15. Highlights of the meeting included a presentation of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Plan (BCP), establishing the RAB Rules of Order, and discussions related to environmental cleanup activities at the Center. Nearly 40 people attended the two-hour meeting. Before the meeting, William Stem, DPSC's BRAC Environmental Coordinator and Environmental/Fire Protection Division Chief, conducted a bus tour of the facility for RAB members and other interested parties.

The next RAB meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in DPSC's auditorium. Proposed activities include the election of a community co-chairperson, review of the work plan prepared under DPSC's federal facilities compliance agreement (FFCA), and discussion of the cleanup plan. ❑

Transformers are Removed

On Aug. 1, four electrical transformers containing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) oil were taken out of service. The transformers were located in Bldgs. 8, 12, and 13. Oil was removed from the transformers and placed in 55 gallon drums. On Aug. 2, the four transformers and about 1,100 gallons of oil were removed from the facility and transported to Pell City, Ala. for disposal at Trans-Cycle Industries, Inc. (TCI).

The transformers and oil were transported from DPSC in the early afternoon along the following route: exited DPSC from gate 5 to Oregon Ave., right on Oregon Ave. to 20th St., south on 20th St. to Penrose Ave., then south on Penrose to I-95 south. The transporter used a panel truck with secondary containment and secured the load prior to shipment.

Six additional transformers located in Bldgs. 1, 8, 15, and 30 are scheduled for disposal at TCI in September and October. The transformer removal operation is being conducted to comply with Defense Department policy to phase out the use of PCB transformers. All PCB transformers removed during this operation will be replaced with transformers that do not contain PCBs. The removal is being conducted by Wu and Associates under contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District. ❑

Have questions about DPSC's RAB or want to know more about DPSC's cleanup activities?

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