

## **The MM EIS Interagency Working Group**

Shortly after issuing a Notice of Intent to conduct a Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement (MM EIS) in early 2001, the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) invited representatives of the Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Commerce, the United States Geological Survey, and the Department of Health and Human Services to participate in an Interagency Working Group (IAWG).

The purpose of the IAWG is to ensure that DNSC has sufficient environmental and health information to address all pertinent issues in a timely manner.

IAWG members have specialized expertise and represent diverse viewpoints on mercury and other related environmental issues. Members of the IAWG serve as contacts and liaisons between DNSC and their respective organizations. In this capacity, they can access others within their organization with specialized information which otherwise may not have been available. The group enhances the MM EIS review process because the agencies are familiar with the EIS document (s).

The Department of Energy is also a “cooperating agency” on the MM EIS.