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Foreword

The New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program (HEP) is a partnership of federal, state, interstate, and local environmental agencies, scientists, and citizens working together to protect and restore the natural resources of the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary, its tributaries and the NY Bight. HEP was designated an estuary of national significance in 1988. HEP's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) was finalized in 1996. The goal of the program is to establish and maintain a healthy and productive harbor ecosystem with full beneficial uses.

HEP is sponsored by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the program is overseen by a Management Committee comprised of representatives from the following entities:

- Citizens Advisory Committee
- Interstate Environmental Commission
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- New Jersey Harbor Dischargers Group
- New Jersey Local Governments
- New York Local Governments
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- New York State Department of State
- Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee
- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- United States Department of Commerce - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- United States Department of the Interior
- United States Department of the Interior- Fish and Wildlife Service
- United States Environmental Protection Agency- Office of Research and Development
- United States Environmental Protection Agency- Region 2

Many additional partners play key roles in implementing the actions of the CCMP and restoration of the Harbor.

About the HEP CCMP Tracking Report

The 2009 HEP CCMP Tracking Report focuses on the CCMP Actions and the status of their implementation by the HEP partners. This report includes the nine sections from the CCMP, which are:

- 1) Management of Habitat and Living Resources;
- 2) Management of Toxic Contamination;
- 3) Management of Dredged Material;
- 4) Management of Pathogenic Contamination;
- 5) Management of Floatable Debris
- 6) Management of Nutrients and Organic Enrichment
- 7) Rainfall-induced Discharges;
- 8) Public Involvement and Education; and
- 9) Post-CCMP Management Structure

Each section includes the CCMP action key elements as well as brief descriptions of implementation activities by HEP partners.