

## **Twelfth update of the 2010 Helicopter Monitoring Program**

### **Floatables:**

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables six times from August 14 - 20, 2010. The Harbor was clear of significant floatables on August 14, 16, 17, 18 and 20.

On August 17, an oily sheen, approximately 30 yards long by 30 yards wide, was reported in Newark Bay. The oily sheen was reported to the US Coast Guard.

On August 19, a floatable slick, approximately 300 yards long by 3 yards wide, was reported in the Upper Harbor.

The floatable debris slick was reported to the Army Corps of Engineers, and cleanup was conducted as necessary.

### **Sampling:**

Water quality samples were collected at 26 locations from Rockaway to Shinnecock Inlet, on August 18. Samples were given to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to conduct bacteriological analyses. These samples help fulfill NYSDEC's commitments to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.