

First update of the 2009 Helicopter Monitoring Program

The 2009 Helicopter Monitoring Program began on May 21.

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables five times from May 21 - 29. The Harbor was clear of significant floatables on May 21 and 22. Floatable flights were not conducted on May 27 or 28 due to fog.

On May 23, a slick, approximately 1/4 mile long, was reported in Newark Bay.

Three significant floatable sightings were reported on May 25. A slick, approximately 600 feet long, was reported in the Arthur Kill. A patch, approximately 40 feet by 40 feet, was reported in Newark Bay. A slick, approximately 1,500 feet long was reported in the Upper Harbor.

On May 26, a slick, approximately 1/4 mile long by 50 feet wide, was reported in Newark Bay.

All floatable debris slicks consisted of large wood, paper and plastics and were reported to Army Corps of Engineers. The Army Corps of Engineers conducted clean-ups as necessary.