

First update of the 2012 Helicopter Monitoring Program

The 2012 Helicopter Monitoring Program Began on May 26.

Floatables:

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables eleven times from May 26 – June 8. The Harbor was clear of significant floatables on May 26, 28, 30, June 1. The floatable flight was not conducted on June 8 due to mechanical problems with the helicopter. On June 8, due to the full moon, the Army Corps of Engineers vessels were out at designated areas for cleanup as necessary.

On May 29, a slick, approximately 1200 feet long was reported in Gravesend Bay.

On May 31, two slicks were reported in the Upper Harbor, each approximately 100 - 200 feet in length.

On June 2, a slick, approximately 1500 feet long with varying widths was reported in the Upper Harbor.

On June 4, a slick approximately 700 feet long was reported in Newark Bay.

On June 5, a slick approximately 200 feet in length was reported in Newark Bay. A slick, approximately 600 feet long, was reported in the Upper Harbor.

On June 6, a slick approximately 400 feet long and 5 to 50 feet wide was reported in Newark Bay. A slick, approximately 600 feet long was reported in the Upper Harbor. A slick, approximately 400 feet long by 5-10 feet wide slick was reported in Gravesend Bay.

On June 7, a slick approximately 200 feet long and 5 to 20 feet wide was reported in the Kill Van Kull.

All floatable debris consisted of wood, paper, plastic, or rubber, were reported to the Army Corps of Engineers, and cleanup was conducted as necessary.