

Second update of the 2008 Helicopter Monitoring Program

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables six times from May 24 to May 30. The Harbor Complex was clear of significant floatable debris on May 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30.

On May 28, a half mile long slick of paper was reported in the Arthur Kill. The paper appeared to be flying out of Visy Paper's marine paper recycling center on the Arthur Kill. The General Manager of Visy Paper was contacted. He was aware of the situation and informed us that on the night before, a storm damaged the roof and the air was flowing through causing the paper to fly. The following day, the helicopter crew observed no paper in the water and no paper coming out of the recycling center.