

Second update of the 2010 Helicopter Monitoring Program

Floatables:

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables six times from June 5 - 11, 2010. The Harbor was clear of significant floatables on June 5, and June 7 -10.

On Wednesday, June 9, the helicopter crew reported an oily sheen, approximately 300 yards long by 50 yards wide, approximately 20 yards off Rockaway Beach. The US Coast Guard, the NY State Department of Health, the NY City Department of Health and the Nassau County Department of Health were notified. Area beaches were put on alert. On June 10, the helicopter crew flew over the area again and did not observe any sheens. There were no sightings of the oily sheen reported by local health department or area lifeguards.

On June 11 a floatable slick, approximately 300 feet long by 150 feet wide, was reported in the Upper NY 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 June 9. 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.