

Third update of the 2008 Helicopter Monitoring Program

Floatables:

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables four times from May 31 to June 6. The Harbor Complex was clear of significant floatable debris on June 2. Floatable flights were canceled on June 4 due to rain and on June 6 due to a mechanical problem.

On May 31, a slick, approximately 1,000 feet long by 20 feet wide, was reported in the Hudson River.

On June 3, in addition to a small slick approximately 300 feet long, scattered debris was reported throughout Newark Bay. A slick, approximately 300 feet long, was reported in the Upper harbor.

On June 5, a slick approximately 300 feet long was reported in Newark Bay.

All slicks consisted of large wood, plastic and paper. The Army Corps of Engineers conducted cleanup as necessary.

Sampling:

Water quality samples were collected at 26 locations from Rockaway to Shinnecock Inlet, on June 2. 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.