

Fourth update of the 2007 Helicopter Monitoring Program

Floatables:

The New York/New Jersey Harbor complex was monitored for floatables eleven times from June 16 - June 29. The Harbor Complex was clear of significant floatable debris on June 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 29.

On June 16, a slick of heavy density, approximately 200 yards long by 20 yards wide, was reported in the Lower Harbor.

On June 28, a patch of debris, approximately 200 yards long by 100 yards wide, was reported in the Kill Van Kull. A slick of heavy density, approximately 100 yards long, was reported in the Upper Harbor.

An oily rainbow sheen, approximately one half to one mile long and 10 to 20 yards wide, was reported in the Arthur Kill on June 29.

All floatable debris slicks consisted of large wood and plastics and were reported to Army Corps of Engineers. The Army Corps of Engineers conducted clean-up as necessary. The oily sheen was reported to the US Coast Guard.

Sampling:

Water quality samples were collected at 26 locations from Rockaway to Shinnecock Inlet, on June 29. Samples were given to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to conduct fecal coliform analyses. These samples help fulfill NYSDEC's commitments to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.