

## **Sixth update of the 2011 Helicopter Monitoring Program**

The New York Bight Floatables Action Plan Assessment Report 2010, is now available at: [http://www.epa.gov/region02/water/action\\_plan/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/region02/water/action_plan/index.html)

### **Floatables:**

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables six times from July 2 - 8. The Harbor was clear of significant floatables on July 2, 7 and 8.

On July 4 and 5, a floatable slick, approximately 200 yards long was reported in the Newark Bay.

On July 6, a floatable slick, approximately 200 yards long and 3 yards wide was reported in Gravesend Bay.

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

### **Sampling:**

Long Island:

Water quality samples were collected at 26 locations from Rockaway to Shinnecock Inlet, on July 6. 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.