

Eighth update of the 2010 Helicopter Monitoring Program

Floatables:

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables six times from July 17 - 23, 2010. The Harbor was clear of significant floatables on all six days.

On July 19, an oily sheen, approximately 50 yards long by 10 yards wide, was reported in Newark Bay. On July 21 and 23, oily sheens, each approximately 50 yards long by 10 yards wide, were reported in the Arthur Kill near the boat graveyard.

The US Coast Guard was notified of the oily sheens.

Sampling:

Water quality samples were collected at 26 locations from Rockaway to Shinnecock Inlet, on July 21. 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.