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Update: Delaware River shipping channel open again between Philadelphia and Trenton

PHILADELPHIA (Sep. 14, 2007): The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers confirmed as of 3:35 p.m. today that the Delaware River federal navigation channel is clear and once again fully open between Philadelphia and Trenton.

The channel had been temporarily closed above the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge since yesterday afternoon when the Corps' dredging ship, the McFarland, sustained a mechanical malfunction while performing emergency maintenance dredging in the Delaware.

The ship was finishing an emergency dredging operation near the bridge when the its drag head became unattached. The ship sustained a fracture to its starboard hull and had to subsequently abandon a negligible load capacity in order to safely travel to its anchoring facility at Fort Mifflin, where the incident is currently being investigated.