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### **U. S. Army Corps of Engineers sets meeting on Kill van Kull deepening, blasting program**

**NEW YORK, NY—** The public is invited to attend a meeting to be held Tuesday June 28 in Bayonne, N.J. and Wednesday June 29 on Staten Island, N.Y. to learn about the first phase of the 50-foot Harbor Deepening Project, and the subsequent drilling and blasting program required to deepen portions of the Kill van Kull navigation channel.

The meeting is being sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, which is in charge of the work. It will include the history of the project, ongoing work, information about the drilling and blasting program (including monitoring) and expected community impacts. It will also provide the option for local residences and businesses to sign up for pre-blast inspection surveys. Representatives from the Corps and its contractor will be present to answer questions.

The first session will begin Tuesday June 28 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at RnBz Tavern and Grill at 234 Broadway, Bayonne, N.J.

The second session will begin Wednesday, June 29 at 7 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn at 1100 South Avenue, Staten Island, NY.

The Kill van Kull is the main artery that connects Upper New York Bay to Newark Bay and provides access to major container terminals in the Port of New York and New Jersey.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its cost-share sponsor the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, recently completed deepening the Kill van Kull to 45 feet. To accommodate increased demand for goods and services and to provide safe and efficient channels for vessels calling at the Port, 50-foot channels will be constructed over the next decade. The current depth of the key shipping channels in the harbor ranges from 35 to 45 feet.

For more information about the meeting or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers activities at the site, contact Carolyn Vadino at (917) 790-8306 or via email: [Carolyn.j.vadino@usace.army.mil](mailto:Carolyn.j.vadino@usace.army.mil).

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