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# Media Advisory

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## Army Corps offers media unique opportunity to board dredge and observe dredging operations

**New York** – On Wednesday, August 13, the Army Corps of Engineers will offer the media an opportunity to board a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hopper dredge as it performs maintenance dredging at the southern end of Staten Island in Raritan Bay.

The Corps' New York District is using the unique capability of the DREDGE MCFARLAND, one of four oceangoing hopper dredges owned and operated by the Corps of Engineers, to perform the dredging. The DREDGE MCFARLAND offers a degree of performance and flexibility unmatched by any other dredge and the only one in the Corps with triple capability for direct pump out, bottom discharge and side casting or boom discharge.

Dredging and the management of dredged material are important functions of the Corps of Engineers, and in order to ensure navigational safety in New York and New Jersey channels, periodic dredging is required.

The Army Corps survey vessel P/B HOCKING will transport interested media from the World Financial Center, North Cove, downtown Manhattan to the DREDGE MCFARLAND. Once onboard, media will be able to observe dredging operations up close, as well as have an opportunity to interview the skipper and crew of the DREDGE MCFARLAND, along with the Army Corps' New York District commander, who also holds the title of Supervisor of the New York Harbor.

**Wednesday August 13, 2008**

**World Financial Center, North Cove, Marina Dock**

### **BOARDING TIME/LOCATION AND RETURN TIME/LOCATION**

- 10:15 a.m. - Board P/B HOCKING at World Financial Center, North Cove
- 10:30 a.m. - Depart World Financial Center, North Cove
- 12:15 p.m. - Tour DREDGE MCFARLAND and meet crew
- 2:15 p.m. - Depart DREDGE MCFARLAND, board P/B HOCKING
- 3:15 p.m. - Drop off Army Corps personnel at 58th Street Pier, Brooklyn
- 3:45 p.m. - Return World Financial Center, North Cove, Manhattan