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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting to focus on Supplemental Investigation of
Soil, Air and Groundwater at Fort Totten Coast Guard Station

NEW YORK (May 11) -- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, will hold a meeting of the Fort Totten Coast Guard Station Restoration Advisory Board on June 3rd to discuss draft work plans for a supplemental sampling program for soil, air and groundwater on the 10-acre upland area of the property. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Adria Hotel, 220-33 Northern Blvd., Bayside, Queens.

Project Manager Gregory Goepfert said the sampling effort, to be conducted in late June and early July, will build upon two previous investigations of the property. "A significant amount of investigative work has been completed on the upland areas of the Coast Guard Station at the fort," said Goepfert. "Working with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health, we identified the need to collect and analyze additional samples of soil, groundwater and air at some areas to clarify previous results and provide additional information about environmental conditions on the property. We look forward to presenting our sampling plan to the board."

The Fort Totten Coast Guard Station is being addressed by the Corps of Engineers in accordance with the Formerly Used Defense Site program. The analysis of mercury and other metals in water, sediment and fish tissue in Little Bay was completed in 2003.

The supplemental study of the upland areas will build upon information generated through previous studies, first between 1988 and 1992, and again as part of the Remedial Investigation phase of the project in 2000. The Corps has developed this supplemental investigation plan in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health, and will complete the project with their oversight.

The Restoration Advisory Board is a group of Bayside-area residents who provide input to the Corps as the project progresses through the FUDS program. Members of the community are invited to attend the meeting.

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