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Corps of Engineers Provides Draft Amendment on Newark Bay Dredging Public Comment Period Open through 2 November 2005

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NEW YORK—October 3, 2005 — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District has prepared an amendment to the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) on the Newark Bay Area of the New York and New Jersey Harbor Deepening Project (HDP).

The amendment addresses specific coordination issues with regard to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II future Newark Bay sampling efforts and contains an analysis of the potential effects the HDP project may have on the EPA study as it pertains to the Corps future dredging plans in Newark Bay and in portions of the Arthur Kill and Kill van Kull.

Through continual coordination, it is the intention of both agencies to ensure that the future Corps dredging programs will not adversely impact the future EPA sampling.

The draft amendment and DEA are available for public comment at <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/harbor/newark/index.htm>. The comment and review period runs from Oct. 3 through Nov. 2, 2005. Comments should be directed in writing and postmarked no later than Nov. 2, 2005 (email comments will not be considered) to:

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The Corps, in partnership with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, is deepening key channels in the port to meet growing demands of the shipping industry. As the largest port on the East Coast, it provides more than 230,000 jobs to the region and goods to more than 21 million consumers in the immediate area.