

Eleventh update of the 2012 Helicopter Monitoring Program

Floatables:

The New York/New Jersey Harbor complex was monitored for floatables six times from August 11 to August 17. The harbor was clear of significant debris on August 11, 13, and 15.

On August 14, a circular patch of debris heavy in concentration and approximately 500 feet in diameter was reported in the Upper Harbor.

On August 16, a slick approximately ½ mile long and 20 to 50 feet wide was reported off Coney Island.

On August 17, a slick approximately 1/4 mile long and 10 feet wide was reported in Gravesend Bay.

All floatable debris consisted of wood, paper, plastic, or rubber, were reported to the Army Corps of Engineers, and cleanup was conducted as necessary.

Sampling:

Long Island:

Water quality samples were collected at 26 locations from Rockaway to Shinnecock Inlet, on August 15. Samples were given to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to conduct bacteriological analyses. These samples help fulfill NYSDEC's commitments to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.