

Fourth update of the 2009 Helicopter Monitoring Program

Floatables:

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables five times from June 13 - 19. The Harbor was clear of significant floatables on June 13, 15, 16, and 17. The floatable flight was not conducted on June 18 due to rain and fog.

On June 19, light scattered debris was reported in the Arthur Kill, Newark Bay and the Lower Harbor.

The floatable debris consisted of large wood, paper and plastics and was reported to Army Corps of Engineers. The Army Corps of Engineers conducted clean-ups as necessary.

Sampling:

Water quality samples were collected at 26 locations from Rockaway to Shinnecock Inlet, on June 16. 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.