

## Fourth update of the 2011 Helicopter Monitoring Program

The New York Bight Floatables Action Plan Assessment Report 2010, is now available at: [http://www.epa.gov/region02/water/action\\_plan/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/region02/water/action_plan/index.html)

### **Floatables:**

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables four times from June 18 - 24. Floatable flights were not conducted on June 23 and 24 due to poor weather. The Harbor was clear of significant floatables on June 20 and June 22.

On June 18, a floatable slick, approximately 200 yards long by 30 yards wide was reported in the Lower Harbor.

On June 21, a floatable slick, approximately 200 yards long was reported in the Upper Harbor. A floatable slick, approximately 400 yards long with varying widths, was reported in the Lower Harbor.

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

### **Sampling:**

Water quality samples were collected at 26 locations from [Rockaway](#) to [Shinnecock Inlet](#), on June 22. 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.