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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF Environmental Analysis Branch

Notice of Availability of Draft Integrated Hurricane Sandy Limited Reevaluation Report and Environmental Assessment

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District announces the availability of the Draft Integrated Hurricane Sandy Limited Reevaluation Report and Environmental Assessment (DEA) and Draft Statement of Conformity (DSOC) for the Elberon to Loch Arbour reach of the Sandy Hook to Barnegat Inlet Beach Erosion Control Project, Section I – Sea Bright to Ocean Township.

With the passage of the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been given the authority and funding to complete ongoing coastal storm damage risk reduction projects and studies in the Northeast. As part of the planning and implementation process for the authorized Elberon to Loch Arbour reach of the Sandy Hook to Barnegat Inlet Beach Erosion Control Project, the New York District has updated prior engineering and design efforts, physical surveys, and environmental compliance.

This DEA is being prepared to evaluate the significance of potential environmental impacts of the proposed action and determine if the proposed project warrants the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The DEA will be posted on the on the New York District's website: <u>http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/index.php</u>

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Comments received by March 26, 2014 regarding the DEA will assist in the agency's evaluation of the project changes and will be reflected in the project record.