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Army Corps announces commencement of dredging in Newark Bay

New York – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District today announced the beginning of dredging in upper Newark Bay near the Port Elizabeth terminal. This is the seventh of nine construction contracts awarded to complete the deepening of the Kill van Kull and Newark Bay Channel System to 45 feet, to provide a safer and more efficient transportation network for large vessels calling at the Port of New York and New Jersey.

Work under this \$47 million contract, will be performed by Bean Stuyvesant of New Orleans. The dredging is expected to remove approximately 443,000 cubic yards of fine-grained sediments that will be processed at Consolidated Technologies, Inc. in Jersey City, and then used beneficially to close the Linden, N.J. landfill. An additional 2 million cubic yards will be removed and transported to the Historic Area Remediation Site in the Atlantic Ocean where it will be utilized to cap historic deposits of dredged material that do not presently meet ocean placement standards. This contract is scheduled for completion by the end of September 2003.

This contract is part of the \$733 million Kill van Kull and Newark Bay Channels Navigation Improvement Project which is under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and cost-shared with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

To date, five of nine overall construction contract areas (1, 2, 3, 4a & 7—see attached map) have been completed. The total project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2004.

As the nation's third largest container port, the existing 40-foot channel does not permit access by many of today's modern-day containerships. The port indirectly and directly supports over 225,000 jobs in the New York and New Jersey area and provides consumer goods ranging from cocoa and orange juice to automobiles.

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