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Corps offers update on Kill van Kull blasting

New York — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, today announced the completion of the test-blasting program in the Kill van Kull channel. The Corps is now developing specific production blasting operations to minimize the impact on the local Bayonne and Staten Island communities.

The Corps is ready to begin production blasting, which is scheduled for completion in 2004.

During the test blasting, conducted to verify previous analysis, the highest vibration level recorded was well below the legal limits for historical and residential structures.

Production blasting will begin with one drill boat in the Kill van Kull, with up to three boats operating simultaneously. The Corps will adhere to the state and local ordinances regarding blasting activities.

The Corps and the Port Authority are directing contractors to drill and blast in order to obtain the full 50-foot channel depth authorized by the Water Resource Development Act of 2000. This will be the final round of drilling and blasting within the designated contract area as part of the 50-foot channel project.

Residents may contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (201) 433-9228 or Contract Drilling and Blasting at (201) 339-6470 to register concerns regarding blasting.