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### **Corps to Conduct KvK Test Blasts**

**New York** — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District will begin a five to seven-day limited test blast program starting Feb. 2, 2001 — contingent upon the time it takes to drill and place a charge — in the Kill van Kull (KvK) navigation channel east of the Bayonne Bridge. The purpose of the test program is to verify pre-blast conditions prior to entering full production blasting. Approximately one blast is planned each day during daylight hours.

This is work that is part of the Kill Van Kull and Newark Bay Channels Navigation Improvement Project, Phase II, Contract 3, Area 4a, 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. It is one of nine contracts to deepen the KvK.

For this contract, the Corps has hired Weeks Marine, Inc., headquartered in Cranford, NJ, to dredge this zone. The contract is approximately 80 percent complete, but requires some underwater blasting in order to finish. The total cost of this contract is \$22.5 million.

Full production underwater blasting is scheduled to begin on or around Feb. 26, 2001, and work is expected to be complete on this sector by mid-April.