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MANAGEMENT OF DEBRIS AT LANDFILL

NEW YORK — A mission worth approximately \$125 million was assigned by FEMA to the Army Corps of Engineers on Oct. 1 for operation of the Staten Island Landfill (Fresh Kills Landfill) for disposal of World Trade Center debris. The work is expected to run for approximately nine months. The mission partners include the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the City of New York, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Under the mission, the firm of Phillips and Jordon Inc. (P&J) will manage contractors working the landfill site. Neither the Corps nor P&J will manage the landfill. The Department of Sanitation and the New York Police Department will manage the landfill and will continue the raking, sorting and searching for evidence operation.

P&J will inventory present equipment at the landfill to determine optimum requirements; negotiate with contractors to work the landfill under the P&J umbrella contract; work with the New York City Police Department, Department of Sanitation and the FBI to accommodate their needs; work to improve overall efficiency of the landfill under the evidence search requirements; and establish measures to protect workers and evidence.

P&J will use local equipment and operators for landfill operations. Any normal landfill operations will be managed by the Department of Sanitation.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers specialists deployed to assist in the World Trade Center Disaster Field Office will oversee the mission until the Corps' New York District has a team ready to assume the duties.

P&J is the Advanced Contracting Initiative contractor for disaster recovery in this geographic area. The Corps of Engineers let contracts using competitive bid processes in 1999 with firms for specific geographic areas to expedite recovery operations. P&J is a national firm.

FEMA will provide funding for the project as long as the evidence search mode continues. This mission will improve landfill operations handling the World Trade Center debris while also ensuring methods are in place to recover evidence.