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### **Corps awards 3<sup>rd</sup> contract for KVK deepening**

As part of what is considered to be the biggest dredging project ever undertaken in New York Harbor, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District today announced the award of the third contract for work to deepen the Kill van Kull and Newark Bay Channels.

A total of nine contracts will be awarded for the total project, expected to cost \$733 million and be completed by 2004.

The cost-shared project with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will deepen the federal channels to 45 feet from their current depth of 40 feet. This contract, awarded Feb. 28, calls for dredging at the Bayonne Bridge on the Kill van Kull.

The work for this section of the project will be completed by Weeks Marine of Cranford, N.J. The cost for this contract is set at \$22.5 million. For this contract, construction should be completed by the spring of 2001.

It is estimated that for this contract 170,000 cubic yards of rock will be dredged and placed at the artificial reef site off the coast of East Rockaway, Long Island, and that approximately 10,000 cubic yards of dredged material will be placed in the Newark Bay Confined Disposal Facility.

The Army Corps of Engineers is paying 75 percent of the project's cost and the Port Authority is paying the balance. For this contract, the Corps is paying \$16.9 million and the Port Authority the remaining \$5.6 million.

Work continues as part of the first contract awarded for the deepening, a \$23.6 million project undertaken by Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co. of Oak Brook, Ill. Work under this contract is expected to be complete in September.

Work under the second deepening contract awarded as part of the total project is scheduled to begin in early June and be completed before August. The \$13.86 million contract will be completed by Bean/Stuyvesant, a joint venture based in Belle Chaise, La.