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Incident in Ambrose Channel

At 2:12 a.m. EST Jan. 31, 2000, a scow loaded with 2,500 cubic yards of sand had to jettison its load to avoid sinking in Ambrose Channel. The incident occurred approximately three miles South of Breezy Point, N.Y.

The scow, owned by Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co. and under contract to the Army Corps of Engineers, was transporting sand dredged from the Kill van Kull (KvK) navigation improvement project to the Historic Area Remediation Site (HARS).

While enroute to the HARS, the scow started taking on water and began to list. The scow was turned around and was headed back to safe harbor when the incident occurred.

The Corps has issued a stop work order to Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co. and is conducting an investigation. Based on the results of the investigation, the Corps will determine if additional measures need to be implemented. In addition, the Corps has just completed a survey of the impacted area in Ambrose Channel and has concluded that there is no obstruction to navigation.

Since October 1999, when work began on Phase II of the KvK project, some 200 scows have gone to the HARS; 32 trips (of rock) went to the Atlantic Beach Reef site.

To date, approximately 423,500 cubic yards have been placed at the HARS site and 69,000 cubic yards at the Reef site from the KvK project.

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