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Dredged Material to be Remediated Under Superfund

New York — Experts from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the City of Glen Cove, Long Island announced today that the dredged material from Glen Cove Creek that was found to be radioactive is now part of the Superfund cleanup of the Li Tungsten site. EPA will take the lead on continuing to test, monitor and properly dispose of the material, beginning immediately.

The remaining material to be dredged in Glen Cove Creek will undergo further bottom surveys, sampling and testing by the Corps, in coordination with USEPA, to better understand and quantify the degree of radioactivity. The bottom survey began today, and sampling and additional testing of the sediment will follow shortly thereafter. A plan of action will be developed for this remaining material based on an analysis of the testing results.

Meanwhile, security measures and air monitoring around the Li Tungsten site are being stepped up. Additional fencing has been installed around the perimeter and within the interior of the site, additional warning signs are being placed, and perimeter air monitors are being installed.

With these measures in place, federal health experts have concluded that there is no public health danger posed by the material on the upland site, nor is there any health danger posed by the material still in the Creek, given that it is under water and not in direct contact with people.