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Raritan River to Arthur Kill Cut-Off Channel, NJ

Federal Navigation Channel Maintenance and Stewardship

FACT SHEET

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DESCRIPTION: Preliminary Engineering and Design to determine the condition of the Raritan River to Arthur Kill Cut-Off Channel, New Jersey. This could include HARS testing in FY09 for possible future ocean placement, subject to availability of funds.

AUTHORIZATION: The Federal navigation project for Raritan River to Arthur Kill Cut-Off Channel, New Jersey was adopted in 1935. The project provides for a channel 20 ft. deep, 800 ft. wide, to connect the Raritan River Channel with the southern end of the Arthur Kill Channel, New York and New Jersey Channels project. The length is about 1 mile.

FUNDING: Under Continuing Resolution, a project not funded in FY08 cannot receive funds. In any event, additional funds over the \$200K allocation would be required to perform ocean placement testing.

STATUS: The contract for maintenance dredging of Raritan River to Arthur Kill Cut-Off Channel was last awarded in June 2000. Maintenance dredging commenced on 9 August 2000 and was completed on 26 August 2000 with 154,325 cubic yards of material removed from the channel and placed at the Historic Area Remediation Site (HARS).

Project is dredged approximately every 10 years. The maintenance dredging project will maintain the authorized project dimensions, thereby assuring safe and economical use of the Raritan River to Arthur Kill Cut-Off Channel by shipping interests. Next dredge cycle is scheduled for 2011. A condition survey has recently been performed; the results will be posted on the web page below in August.

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