



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers®**  
New York District

## ***Statement***

Contact: Carolyn Vadino or Peter Shugert  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Phone: (917) 790-8306  
Phone: (917) 790-8007

March 8, 2006

### **Corps Statement on Recent Court Decision**

The Army Corps of Engineers is still reviewing the court's decision with regard to dredging in Newark Bay and as policy does not comment on matters in litigation. However, the federal district court denied injunctive relief to the plaintiffs while at the same time asking the Corps to refine and resubmit some data in its recent Environmental Assessment.

As with all Corps projects, public health and safety are the agency's first priorities. The Corps will continue to dredge the critical federal channels in the Port of New York and New Jersey in a manner that protects human health and the marine environment. In addition, the Corps is committed to closely coordinating with EPA and other environmental regulatory agencies on important channel deepening projects in the Region.

The Corps is proud of its more than 200-year service to the nation and its role as environmental stewards in the Port of New York and New Jersey. The Corps continues its commitment to create a world-class harbor estuary and that includes utmost consideration for environmental concerns

The decision by Judge Shira A. Scheindlin, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, is available at  
<http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/news/newsrels/opinion.pdf>