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Leonard T. Connors, Jr., Mayor Surf City Borough 813 Long Beach Boulevard Surf City, New Jersey 08008 William Huelsenbeck, Mayor Ship Bottom Borough 1621 Long Beach Boulevard Ship Bottom, New Jersey 08008 LISA P. JACKSON

Commissioner

Dear Mayor Connors and Mayor Huelsenbeck:

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has provided the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with a letter dated May 18 announcing the completion of the Time Critical Removal Action in response to munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) in Surf City and Ship Bottom. The USACE also stated in this letter that the beaches are safe for public use throughout the summer provided that the following land use controls are implemented and maintained:

- Public information signs addressing the 3Rs (Recognize, Retreat, Report) of explosives safety should be posted at public and private access points;
- Public information brochures should be distributed;
- A private crossover construction policy should be implemented to ensure that MEC is not encountered during construction;
- The use of metal detectors on the beach should be prohibited;
- A dig restriction no digging below a depth of one-foot should be maintained;
- The dune (except at crossover areas) should be restricted from public access by maintaining fences and signage.

Additionally, the USACE will provide:

- Training to police and all beach personnel and staff;
- An Ordnance and Explosives Safety Specialist will be stationed near the project area throughout the summer to provide MEC contingency response.

The DEP concurs with the USACE findings and recommendations. I have attached the May 18 USACE letter to the DEP for your information.

Thank you for your patience and assistance in this matter. If you need any further assistance, please call David Rosenblatt at 609-292-9236.

Sincerely yours,

Amy Cradic

Assistant Commissioner

Enclosure

c: Frank Master, US Army Corps of Engineers
David Rosenblatt, NJ Department of Environmental Protection