



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
WANAMAKER BUILDING, 100 PENN SQUARE EAST
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19107-3390

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Programs and Project Management Branch

Ms. Lisa Jackson, Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Office of the Commissioner
P. O. Box 402
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Ms. Jackson:

I am writing to you to report that the Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) in response to munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) found on the beaches in the Boroughs of Surf City and Ship Bottom has been completed. The MEC items found appear to have been inadvertently placed on the beach during the recently completed Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Harbor Inlet Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project conducted by the US Army Corps of Engineers and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

The affected beach areas have been carefully investigated and all detectable MEC items have been safely removed from the site and properly disposed. I have included a Statement of Response to Munitions and Explosives of Concern (Attachment 1) summarizing the details and technical aspects of the TCRA.

The project area is considered safe for public use throughout the summer provided the following land use controls (LUC) are implemented, and those already in place maintained, to reduce the potential that MEC might be encountered on the beaches:

- 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.

The public information sign (Attachment 2) has been coordinated with the NJDEP and coordinated by the NJDEP with the Boroughs. The sign is being produced and it is expected that installation may begin at the beach access points on Monday May 21, 2007. A copy of the public information brochure that is currently being produced is attached (Attachment 3). It is our plan to provide copies to the NJDEP and the Boroughs by May 24, 2007 for distribution to the public.

In addition to the TCRA and the implementation of land use controls, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will implement a Public Information Plan (Attachment 4). This plan is provided for your information and is not meant for public dissemination. As part of this plan the Corps will provide:

- Training for police, lifeguards, beach tag personnel, and beach maintenance staff. (The first training session was held on Tuesday May 15, 2007).
- A USACE Ordnance and Explosives Safety Specialist will be stationed near the project area throughout the summer to provide MEC contingency response.

We request your concurrence that the beaches closed in conjunction with this removal action are now safe for the Boroughs of Surf City and Ship Bottom to reopen.

Sincerely,



Gwen E. Baker
Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Commander

Attachment 1: Statement of Response to Munitions and Explosives of Concern
Attachment 2: Public Information Sign
Attachment 3: Public Information Brochure
Attachment 4: Public Information Plan