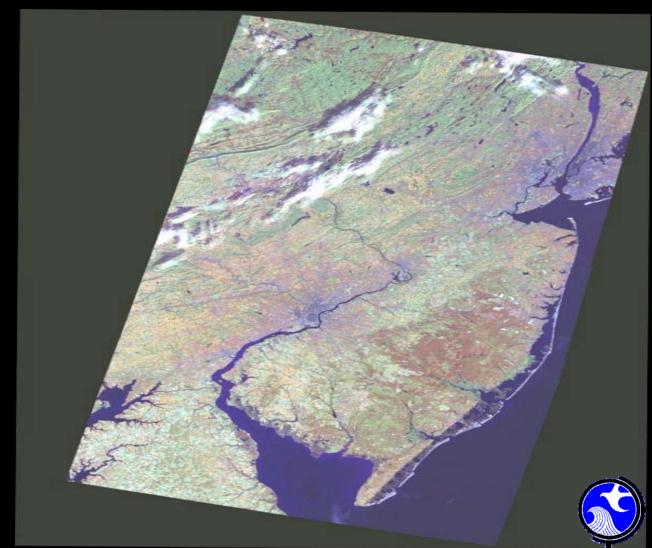
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Office of Watershed Education, Estuaries & Monitoring

Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program

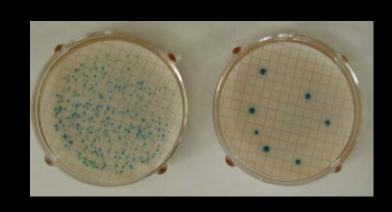


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Summary

- CCMP Overview
- Monitoring Activities
- Potential Sources of Contamination at Beaches
- Beach Closings
- •Aerial Surveillance of Coast
- Clean Shores Program
- Adopt A Beach Program
- Web Based Data Reporting
- Public Notification
- Funding Sources



Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program

- Program began in 1974
- Program revised and State Sanitary Code adopted in 1986
- Responded to public health concerns
- Provided data required for general and site-specific water quality analyses

Activities include:

- Weekly monitoring of bathing beaches for enterococcus bacteria
- Aerial surveillance of coast
- Regular inspections at coastal sewage treatment plants
- Public notification of beach conditions

Complimentary Programs:

Clean Shores Program, Adopt A Beach Program

Cooperative Program Between:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

NJ Department of Health and Senior Services

County Health Departments

Monmouth County HD
Ocean County HD
Atlantic County HD
Cape May County HD
Middlesex County HD

Local Health Departments

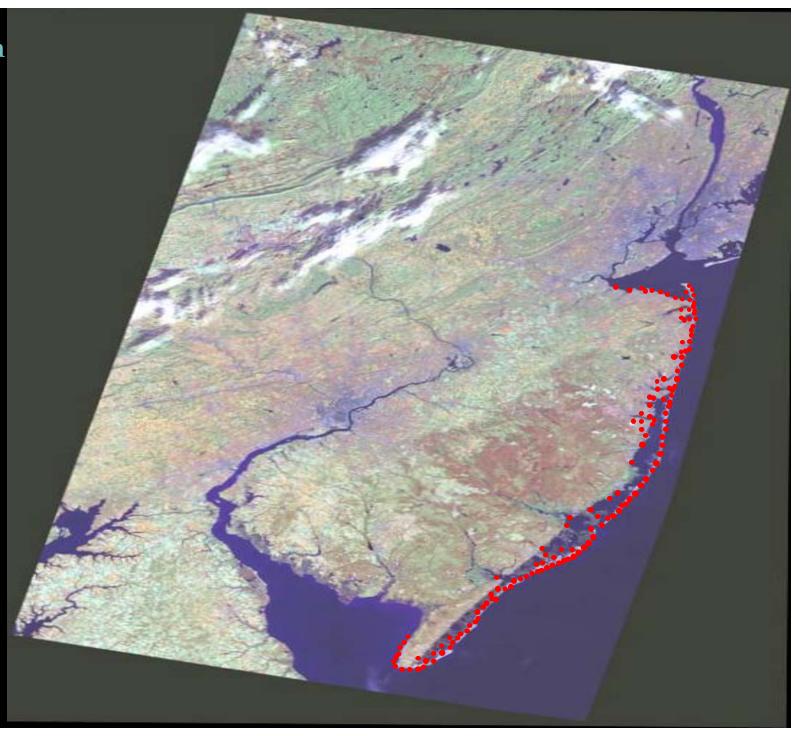
Middletown HD
Northeast Monmouth Regional Health Commission
Long Branch HD
Long Beach Township HD
Atlantic City HD

186 Ocean stations

Most ocean monitoring stations are associated with potential pollution sources

139 Bay Stations

All bay beaches are monitored



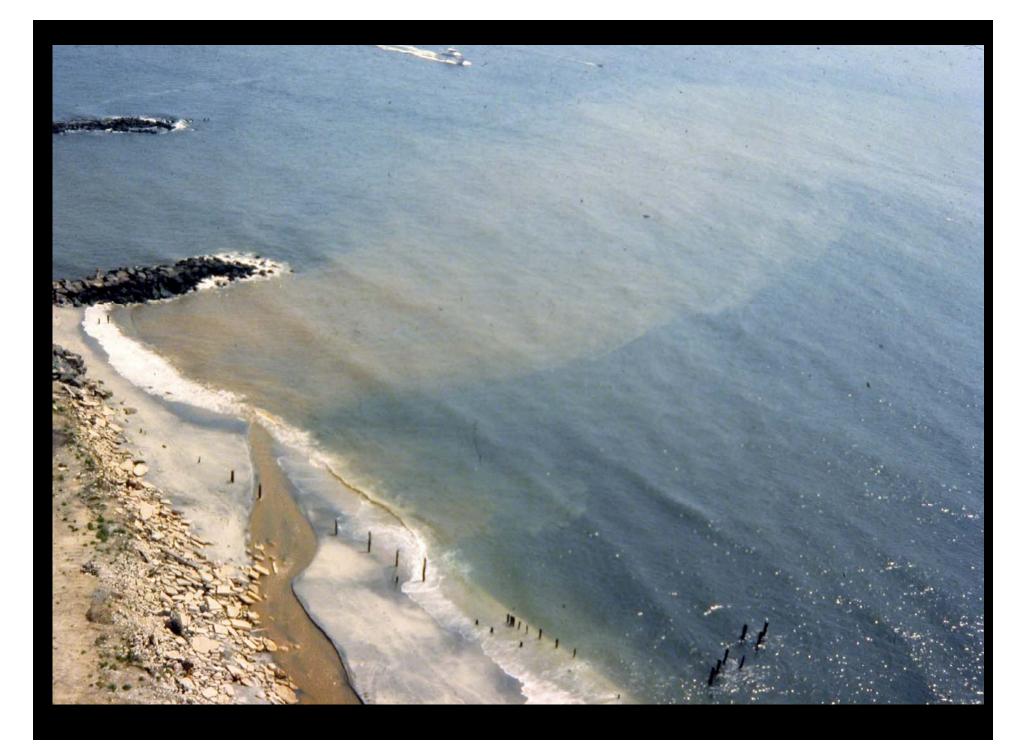


Monitoring begins in mid-May and runs through early September.
Samples are collected weekly on Mondays.

Standard is 104 enterococci bacteria per 100 mL of sample













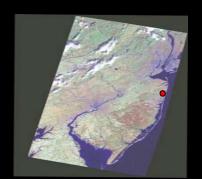
Coastal Lake Discharges

Deal Lake, Loch Arbour



Sylvan Lake, Avon

Monmouth County Health Department Rain Provisional Policy



Wreck Pond, Spring Lake



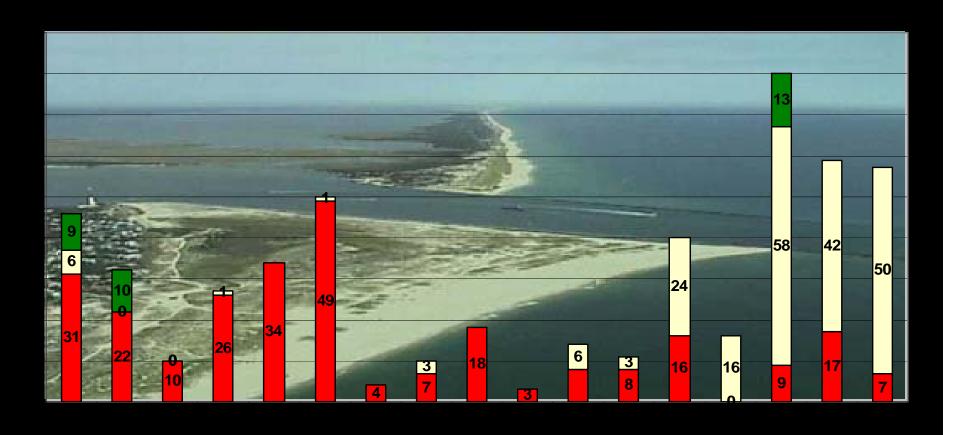
Coastal Sewage Treatment Plant Inspections



DEP inspects 17 coastal STPs and monitors discharges to coastal waters

Ocean Beach Closings

1989 - 2005



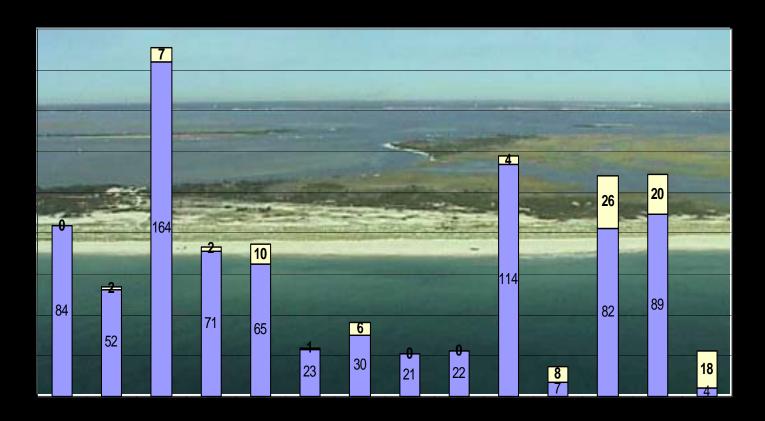
■ For Bacteria in Excess of Standard

□ Precautionary

■ Floatables

Bay Beach Closings

1992 - 2005



for bacteria in excess of standard

□ precautionary

Aerial Surveillance



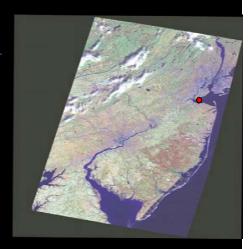
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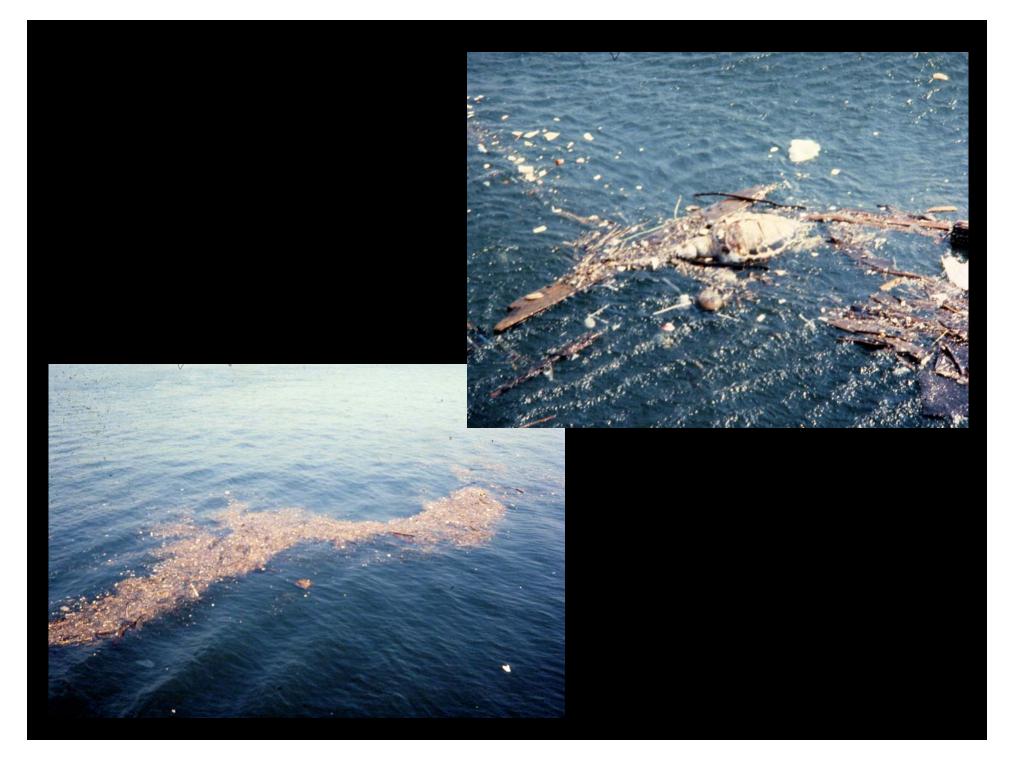


Middlesex County Utilities Authority

Raritan Bay outfall ~95-150 mgd



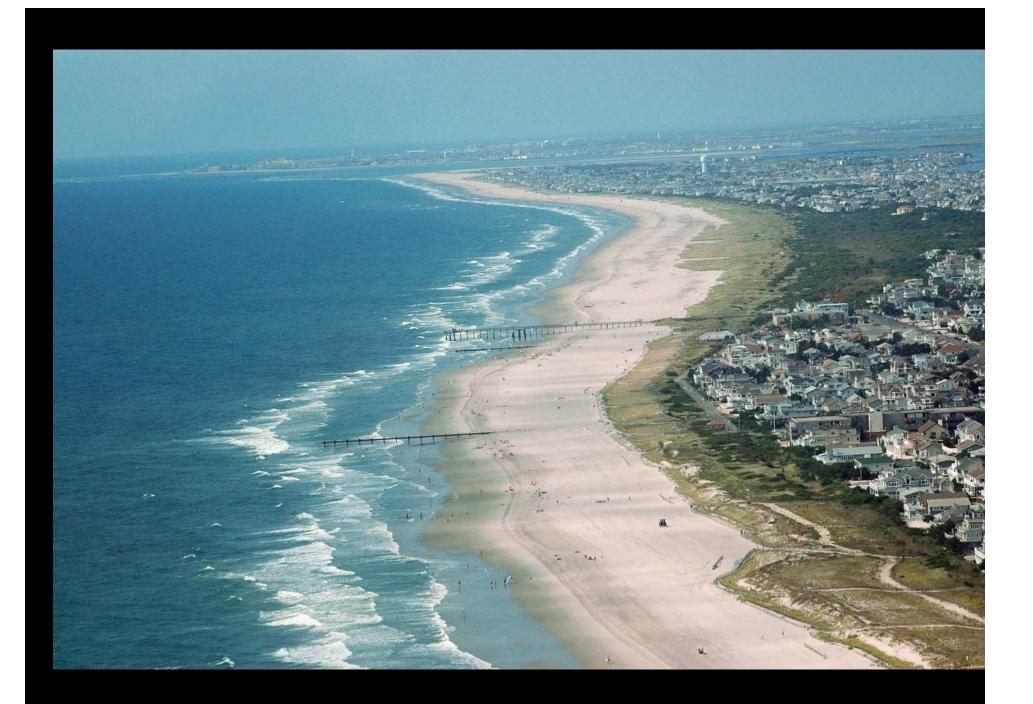




What we usually see...







1-877-WARN DEP

CCMP staff on call 24/7 early May through late September for any pollution reports in tidal waters

DEP staff respond to pollution reports









Past Sources of Floatable Debris...







Current Sources of Floatable Debris...









Clean Shores



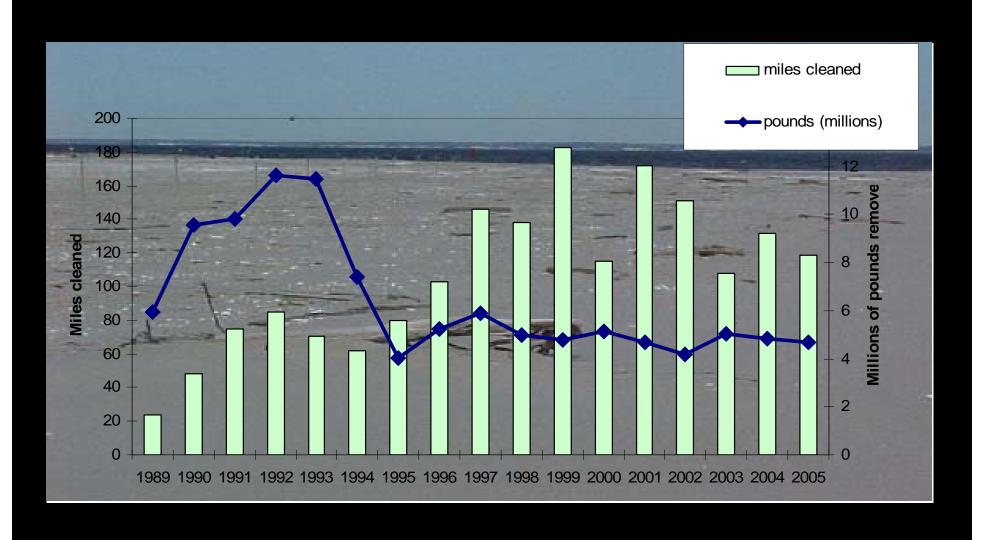






Clean Shores

1989 - 2005



US Army Corp of Engineers













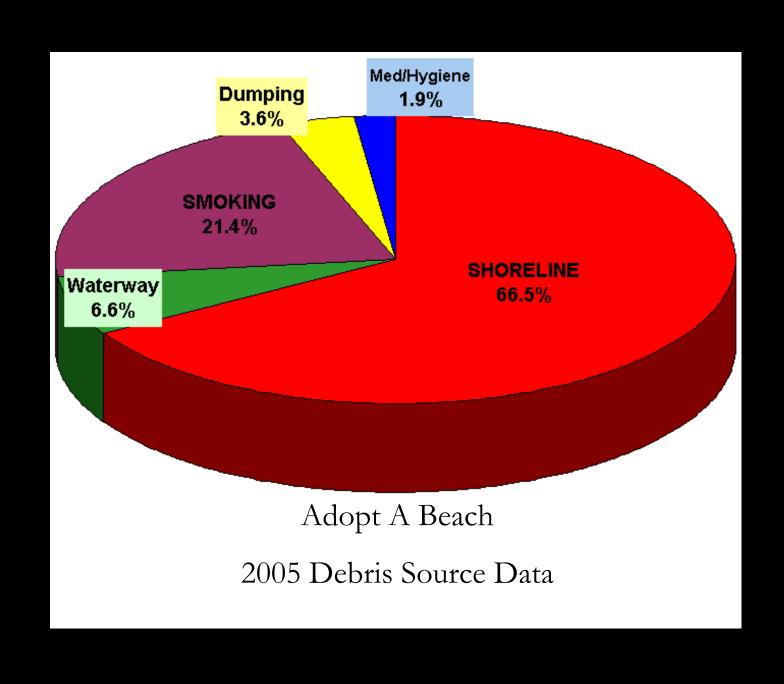
Adopt A Beach

2 beach cleanups each year

~ 1000 volunteers/cleanup



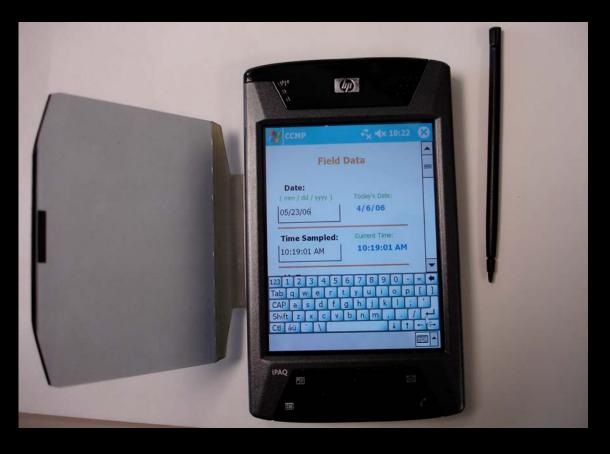




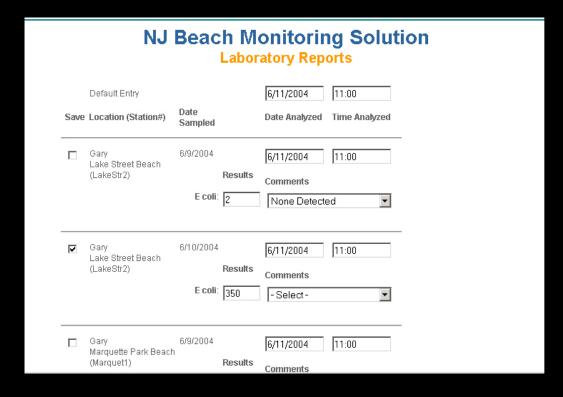
Web-Based Reporting

Completely paperless system - PDAs distributed to all county field samplers

Field data is downloaded at lab at time of sample dropoff



Web-Based Reporting



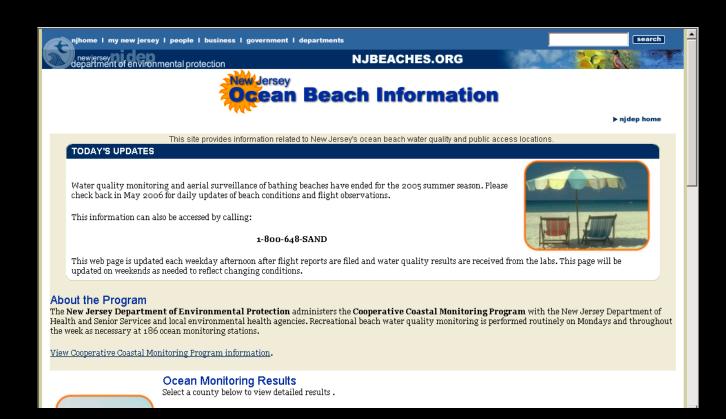
- Lab managers enter sample results directly on to web page
- System recommends action for agency officials (e.g. closures)
- Posting determinations are immediately available on NJDEP and Earth 911 websites
- Citizens, lifeguards, media, resorts, other stakeholders receive immediate email alerts of closures/advisories via "opt-in"
- Results are immediately available for EPA BEACH Data Flow.

Web-Based Reporting

NJ Beach Monitoring Solution Health-Based Risk Determination								
Location (Station#)	Date Sampled	Analyzed by	Date / Time Analyzed	Analysis Parameter	Results	Comments	Close	Reason
Gary Lake Street Beach (LakeStr2)	6/10/2004	CP	6/11/2004 11:00:00 AM	E coli	350		V	Bacteria levels in monitoring excee
Gary Marquette Park Beach (Marquet1)	6/10/2004	CP	6/11/2004 11:15:00 AM	E coli	<2	None Detected		-Select-
				Save Changes		Cancel		
			N	J BMS Main Page				

- •State-of-the-art technology reduces workload and streamlines data management at all levels of government
- •Government-to-Government and Government-to-Public information exchange through one seamless network

1-800-648-SAND



Funding Sources



Up to \$200K from the sale of the Shore Protection License Plate



~ 280K each year from annual EPA BEACH grants – 90% is passed through to counties