What's your catch?
Dangers in dredging old bombs from the New Jersey ocean floor

What's the problem?
- Old dumped chemical munitions can be dredged by mistake with a fishing catch
- Fishing crews come in contact while dislodging them from their nets or machinery
- Vapors from these chemical munitions are toxic
- Oily substance leaking from bombs is toxic
- Some bombs have even exploded

Who is at risk?
- Commercial fishermen especially ocean clammers and scallopers
- Seafood processors
- Emergency responders
- Health care personnel
- And their household members

What are the symptoms?
Symptoms can happen right away or hours later:
- Sudden weakness
- Trouble breathing
- Burning eyes
- Burning skin
- Skin blisters
- Late health effects: lung disease, lower sperm count, lung and skin cancer

What can you do?
- Get away from the bomb!
- Quickly remove dirty clothing
- Wash all skin with soap and water
- Put contaminated clothes into double-sealed plastic bags
- Get medical help or call 911

Who can help?
- **US Coast Guard**: Channel 16 (156.800 MHz)
  1-800-424-8802 and/or 1-215-271-4960
- **NJ DEP** (Department of Environmental Protection):
  1-877-WARN DEP (1-877-927-6337)
- **US FDA** (Food and Drug Administration): 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332) Option # 1

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