

# APPENDIX M CORRESPONDENCE



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF DREDGED MATERIAL DISPOSAL SITES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND, CONNECTICUT AND NEW YORK



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**Appendix M-1**

**Correspondence Received  
During Publication of the DEIS  
and Prior to the Official  
Public Review Period  
of the Draft EIS**

**(Prior to September 27, 2003)**

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saintrobert <saintrobert@comcast.net  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
Subject: Re: LIS EIS Working Group Meeting  
08/14/03 05:28 PM

Has the Corps and EPA considered energy consumption for each alternative?

From:

saintrobert <saintrobert@comcast.com  
To:Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
Subject: Re: LIS EIS Working Group Meeting  
08/23/03 12:31 PM

Aug. 23, 2003

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Fromer

From: rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2003 9:25 AM  
To: saintrobert  
Subject: Re: LIS EIS Working Group Meeting

Dear Robert,

I have passed your e-mail onto the LIS EIS team at EPA and the Corps. Thank you, Ann

	saintrobert	
	<saintrobert@com	To: Ann
Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA	cast.net>	cc:
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saintrobert <saintrobert@comcast.net  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
Subject: Re: LIS EIS Working Group Meeting  
09/04/03 09:36 PM

Sorry, I missed the meeting. Had problems which needed immediate attention. Will read Minutes of Meeting. Can you send the agenda? Basically, can you summarize the status and the next steps.

Thanks.

Fromer

From: rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2003 11:41 AM  
To: saintrobert  
Cc: brochi.jean@epamail.epa.gov; mcleod@BATTELLE.ORG;  
susan.e.holtham@usace.army.mil  
Subject: Re: LIS EIS Working Group Meeting

Dear Robert,

There was no agenda other than the one I sent out with the e-mail in August and we will not be doing meeting notes. I will place in the mail the powerpoint presentation and the factsheet that were available at the Sept. 3rd meeting.

On Friday or early next week you will be receiving an Executive Summary, the Draft EIS, and appendix J (which is the Site Monitoring and Management Plan - SMMP's). These are the documents you will need to review in order to comment. The comment period starts Sept. 12 and ends October 27th. There will be two Public Hearing on the document -

September 30, 2003  
Charles B. Wang Asian-American Center  
Stony Brook University of New York  
Stony Brook, New York 11794-1603

October 1, 2003  
The Westin Stamford  
One First Stamford Place  
Stamford, CT 06902

Written comments should be sent to me at the address below.

For directions please refer to the following websites:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/directions.shtml>

<http://www.westin.com>

Each day two sessions will be held. Session one, registration is at Noon, and the Hearing will be from 1:00pm - 4:00pm, and the second session, registration is at 6:00pm, and the Hearing will begin at 7:00pm.

The documents will also be available at the following libraries:

EPA New England Library  
11th Floor  
One Congress Street  
Suite 1100  
Boston, MA 02114-2023

EPA Public Information Reference Unit (PIRU)  
Room 2904 (rear)  
401 M Street, SW.  
Washington, DC 20004

Mamaroneck Public Library Inc.  
136 Prospect Ave.  
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Port Jefferson Free Library  
100 Thompson Street  
Port Jefferson, NY 11777



From: rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:[rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov)]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2003 4:22 PM  
To: mtangre@suffolk.lib.ny.us  
Cc: Thomas.J.Fredette@nae02.usace.army.mil;  
Susan.E.Holtham@nae02.usace.army.mil; mcleod@BATTELLE.ORG;  
brochi.jean@epamail.epa.gov  
Subject: LIS Draft EIS

Dear Dr. Tangredi,

Per our conversation 9/24 - - I believe the document you are looking for is referenced on page 8-20 "USACE. 1985 Long Island Sound dredged Material containment Facilities Feasibility Report Public Review Draft. USACE New England Division Waltham, MA".

I will try to locate a copy.

Thank you, Ann

Ann Rodney  
US EPA New England Region  
1 Congress Street  
Suite 1100, CWQ  
Boston, MA 02114-2023  
(617) 918-1538  
[rodney.ann@epa.gov](mailto:rodney.ann@epa.gov)

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**Appendix M-2**

**Correspondence Received  
After the Official Public Review Period  
of the Draft EIS**

**(September 27, 2003 to March 19, 2004)**

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Don\_Henne@fws.gov  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
10/20/03 10:10 AM  
Subject: Index of digital coverages for the DEIS for  
Dredged Material Disposal

Ann: I am the Project Leader for the USFWS Coastal Program and our shop is working with Mark Tedesco of the LISS on significant ecological sites in and around the Sound. We are portraying an inventory of important areas with the eventual identification of the "best" sites/areas for improved stewardship. The terrestrial information is much further along than underwater data. For the latter, specialists are trying to use existing data to develop the equivalent of a habitat map but developing this product is a long way off.

Before the DEIS was released I previously spoke to you or one of your associates about the eventual availability of GIS data used for the DEIS. I have a copy of the DEIS and we are very interested in obtaining digital data that might be useful in our collaboration with the LISS stakeholders. For example, a recent LISS discussion highlighted value in portraying the disposal areas, utility crossings, and known areas favored for lobster harvest. I saw such coverages in the GIS and hope that they are available in digital form.

So, here are my requests. Can we have an index of all of your coverages and would you be willing to share the actual GIS data? If you agree we can arrange for appropriate staff to take the next steps. Your data would be given full credit in any of the uses we might pursue. Thank you.

Don Henne  
SNE-NYB Coastal Ecosystems Program  
401-364-9124

From: rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2003 11:25 AM  
To: Don\_Henne@fws.gov  
Cc: McLeod, Lynn; susan.e.holtham@usace.army.mil;  
Mark.L.Habel@nae02.usace.army.mil; brochi.jean@epamail.epa.gov  
Subject: Re: Index of digital coverages for the DEIS for Dredged Material Disposal

Dear Don,

Yes, I do remember us meeting - as you can see I have forwarded your e-mail onto the Draft EIS LIS team of Jeannie Brochi (EPA), Sue Holtham & Mark Habel (Corps), and Lynn Mcleod (Battelle).

I believe the data would be available, however, may I suggest you contact Jeannie Brochi directly (617) 918-1536 (e-mail above) to confirm and arrange possible transfer.

Thank you, Ann

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Michael Ludwig  
<mludwig@clam.mi  
Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA, Jean  
.nmfs.gov>  
11/10/03 08:44  
on the LISSDNEPA  
AM  
Please respond  
to  
michael.ludwig

To: Ann  
Brochi/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
Subject: Fellow travelers

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Mike Ludwig

From: rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2003 1:13 PM  
To: brochi.jean@epamail.epa.gov; susan.e.holtham@usace.army.mil  
Cc: McLeod, Lynn  
Subject: Fellow travelers on the LISSDNEPA

Dear Mike,

I believe Sue Holtham or Jeannie Brochi should be able to assist you in your quest for the location of the EFH section.

As you can see I have forwarded your e-mail on to them.

Thanks, Ann

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----- Forwarded by Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US on 11/10/03 01:10 PM -----

Michael Ludwig <mludwig@clam.mi Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA, Jean .nmfs.gov>  11/10/03 08:44  AM Please respond to michael.ludwig	To: Ann  Brochi/R1/USEPA/US@EPA cc: Subject: Fellow travelers
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"Jones, Edward" <ejones@town.fairfield.ct.us>  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc: "Steinke, Thomas" <TSteinke@town.fairfield.ct.us>  
Subject: Proposed Dredged Material Disposal Sites - Central & Western Long  
Island Sound  
11/12/03 12:26 PM

November 12, 2003

Ms. Rodney:

Per our telephone conversation this morning, I'm requesting that the comment period for the referenced application, scheduled to close on Nov. 17, 2003, be extended to Nov. 25, 2003. The Town of Fairfield Conservation Commission meets on the third Thursday of each month and will not meet until Nov. 20. Your kind indulgence would allow for a consensus response to any issues raised at the Public Hearing in Stamford scheduled for Nov. 13.

Sincerely,

Ed Jones  
OS Manager

JONI ALTNER <jaltner@optonline.net>  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
Subject: Western Long Island Sound Disposal Site  
12/17/03 12:17 PM

Dear Ms. Rodney,

I am a Board Member of the Property Owners of Eatons Neck Beach Association, Inc., the civic association serving the people of Eatons Neck Long Island New York.

I was recently out of State when I learned that a meeting was held at the State University at Stony Brook regarding the issue of dredging disposal sites.

I am interested in any information you can provide me with so that I can share it with our members via our newsletter and post it on our web-site.

Many members in our community are concerned and I would like to ensure that we have the latest most accurate information for our members.

Specifically, the source of the dredging spoils, the prospective timetable for disposal, whether testing of the spoils is conducted, what studies have been conducted to date to monitor the sounds health in our region since dredging materials were deposited in this site on previous occasions?

The waters off Eatons Neck attract fishing, clamming and lobsterman so this is an economic as well as environmental issue for our area.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter,

Sincerely,

Joni Altner  
POENB  
Corresponding Secretary, Planning and Zoning Chairman

john groneman <jgronema@optonline.net>  
To:Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
Subject: Long Island sound  
12/18/03 11:56 AM

Dear Ms Rodney

Like many other residents of my area on the East End of Long Island, I oppose the bill to dredge toxic waste and dump same in the Long Island Sound waters. Sincerely, john groneman 35 flora lane riverhead n.y 11901

From: rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2003 12:08 PM  
To: JONI ALTNER  
Subject: Re: Western Long Island Sound Disposal Site

Dear Joni Altner,

I have forwarded your e-mail on to the EPA and Corps team. If you could send me your mailing address I will send you a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), an Executive Summary, and the presentation given at the Stony Brook hearing.

The DEIS and Executive Summary may be found on our website, along with background material and supporting documentation. Please visit the website at: <http://www.epa.gov/ne/eco/lisdreg/rpfs.html>

The public comment period originally ran from September 12, 2003 until October 27, 2003 with a hearing in CT on September 30, 2003 and in Stony Brook October 1, 2003 - the comment period was extended twice with additional hearings - Nov. 13th, CT & Dec. 10th, NY. The full comment period ran from September 12, 2003 - December 15, 2003.

The Corps & EPA will be reviewing comments and developing a response to comments, which is anticipated to be distributed in late winter, early spring of 2004.

We will be responding to your e-mail within the next two weeks.

Please feel free to contact me should you need further assistance.

Thank you, Ann

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cc:

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Corresponding Secretary, Planning and Zoning Chairman

Jaqcomo@aol.com  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
12/19/03 12:47 PM  
cc:  
Subject: (no subject)

Ann Rodney  
US EPA New England Region  
1 Congress Street  
Suite 1100, CWQ  
Boston, MA 02114-2023

Dear Ms. Rodney,

I do not want the EPA to extend the dumping of 20 million cubic yards of dredged material into Long Island sound over a twenty year period. Much of the spoil originates from Connecticut's industrial harbors and could have a negative impact on our environment and those who rely on the sound for income, including lobstermen and fishermen. Long Island sound experienced a severe lobster die off in 1999. The sound is struggling to

restore itself and the additional burden will not help the sound in its recovery. Please consider other alternatives such as upland disposal and/or recycling the material.

Sincerely,

Thomas and Marilyn Barone  
1 Kingston Road  
Mount Sinai NY 11766

bennardo@senatestate.ny.us  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
12/19/03 05:40 PM  
Subject: Public Comment on EPA Dredging Proposal

Ann,

We spoke earlier in the week about submitting comments from NYS Senator John J. Flanagan beyond the December 15th deadline. I apologize for not sending his remarks sooner, but he was unavailable to approve and sign the letter. It is ready for his signature and will likely be put in the mail over the weekend or on Monday. I hope this does not prevent his comments from being made part of the record. Please let me know if there is a problem. I can also fax or e-mail you a copy of the letter on Monday morning. Please let me know your preference. Thank you in advance for all your assistance and for being so accommodating.

Sincerely,

Ray Bennardo, Chief of Staff  
NYS Senator John J. Flanagan, 2nd District  
260 Middle Country Road, Suite 203  
Smithtown, New York 11787  
(631) 361-2154 (phone)  
(631) 361-5367 (fax)  
bennardo@senate.state.ny.us (e-mail)

Syndeelohoo@aol.com  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
12/19/03 08:27 PM  
Subject: Long Island Sound Pres/Pro Act

Dear Ms. Rodney,

Please protect our Long Island Sound! Support the Long Island Sound Preservation and Protection Act. Please consider the long-term effects of dumping dredged material into the Sound which may contain carcinogenic materials. I strongly disagree with the dumping of dredged material into the Long Island Sound. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

A Concerned Citizen,  
Cindy Adriaenssens

amrita dhindsa <amydhindsa@yahoo.com>  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
Subject: contact info  
12/23/03 07:36 PM

Hi Ann,  
Here's my contact info so you can put me on your list—  
Amrita Dhindsa  
Reporter, The Hour Newspapers  
346 Main Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06854  
Phone: (203) 354-1006  
Email: amydhindsa@yahoo.com

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Do you Yahoo!?  
New Yahoo! Photos - easier uploading and sharing. <http://photos.yahoo.com/>

julie evansbrumm <j.evansbrumm@eudoramail.com>  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
Subject: DEIS Staus?  
12/28/03 03:59 PM  
Please respond to j.evansbrumm

Dear ann when will we know the out come ?

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Julie A.Evans-Brumm, (631) 668-2154 305)664-3458, email  
j.evansbrumm@eudoramail.com Check out the Daybreaker Web site at  
[www.fishdaybreaker.com](http://www.fishdaybreaker.com)

Need a new email address that people can remember  
Check out the new EudoraMail at  
<http://www.eudoramail.com>

Rita Cassellius <6keith@optonline.net>  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
Subject: Recertification of the Long Island Sound disposal sites  
01/01/04 11:51 AM  
Please respond to 6keith

Ann Rodney January 1 , 2004  
U.S.EPA - New England Region  
One Congress St.  
Suite 1100, CWO  
Boston, MA 02114-2023

Dear Ann,

I am pleased to submit comments on the EIS for the Designation of Dredged Material Disposal Sites in Central and Western Long Island Sound.

The Norwalk Yacht Club, in Norwalk, CT relies on periodic dredging at our facilities and in the channel leading to these facilities to maintain our sailing activities. Our boaters range in age from 8 to 80. We provide water venues for 100+ junior sailors and our high school sailing team in addition to our several hundred adult sailors. We are a significant recreational resource for our town.

We must dredge to maintain the safety and viability of our boating activities. We have cycles of dredging every 5-10 years to clear the silting at our piers and launching ramps. Our harbor channel has also been dredged. Silting comes down the rivers feeding into our harbor, as well as from natural silting from tidal and storm action in from the Sound.

After reading the EIS, I strongly support the recertification of both the Western LIS disposal site and the Central LIS site. Proper DEP and Corps management has proven effective in minimizing any environmental stresses on this part of the Sound and our adjacent shores.

In the past, our material has been disposed of at these sites. They represent the only practical, economical sites for our dredge material. Alternatives would push the dredging costs out of sight for our resources. We need these sites to maintain our extensive boating activities.

Sincerely,  
William G. Cassellius  
(See attached file: winmail.dat)

"Mark A. Fricchione President Bayman Electric LI. NY." bayman2@hotmail.com  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc: <Bayman2@hotmail.com>  
Subject: long Island sound  
01/03/04 02:20 PM

dear Sir,

I think it is ludacrous that in our day and age we are having to make decisions about taking contaminated sludge and sending it down stream to our neighbors. What about our clams and oysters that are the best in the world will this dredging sludge help them? I dont think so and what about some of the best fishing in the world will it help them, I think you know the answer. I am irate that I just heard about this and will be sure to stay focused. I love long Island and especially its seas and shorelines and as i'm sure you know its a constant battle to keep our waters cleaner as time goes on. We want to refurbish and replenish the water not reduce its oxygen content and since we're on the subject, when are we going to ban off-shore dumping permanently, WORLDWIDE! Our technology has come in great strides but our mentality is very primitive and that my friend is indeed sad... I will stay in touch on this matter.

Sincerly,  
Mark A. Fricchione  
President of Bayman Electric  
Long Island, NY. 631-445-7317

Michael Slaughter <mike412@optonline.net>  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc: george@noreast.com  
Subject:  
01/23/04 09:22 PM

Please do not dump and protect our natural resources.

Craig Slaughter

EPA Plans Toxic Muck Disposal Sites for Long Island Sound.

The fact is there is a massive die off of lobsters in Long Island Sound. Lobsters that aren't dead have shell rot and look like they've been bathed in acid. Today it is rare to find any lobsters, let alone healthy lobsters, in the Sound. Lobsters, which also serve as food to many fishes including Striped Bass and Black Fish as well as Seals, Turtles and of course, people like you and me, are scavengers. Scavengers tend to be hearty. Yet something is killing them by the hundreds of thousands. The EPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to mention even the possibility that the Mamaroneck Dredging Project and the Sea Wolf Dredging Project could have played a role in this.

The fact is the State of Connecticut under the direction of Art Rocque Jr., who heads the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, has been lobbying the Connecticut Congressional Delegation for at least four years to have Long Island Sound removed from protection of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act. (Ocean Dumping Law) There is only one reason why the head of an environmental protection agency would want to have a law designed to protect the environment repealed. Namely, Connecticut has serious pollution problems in its rivers (including many superfund sites) and the easy way out is to dredge and dump the toxic muck into the Sound, to promote the economy. Furthermore, Roche has also been inciting the Marine Trade Association telling them that the Ocean Dumping Act will put the Ma and Pa marina owners out of business. Yet the Ambro Amendment allows private dredging projects up to 25,000 cubic yards to take place free of the restrictions imposed by the MPRSA, and to my knowledge there has never been a private dredging project over 25,000 cubic yards in the State of Connecticut. Clearly, the past and future poisoning of the Sound by Connecticut, and the political maneuverings by the Connecticut DEP is not addressed in the EPA DEIS. When an environmental protection head champions the economy, then who champions the environment?

The fact is the MPRSA says you must exhaust all alternatives to open water disposal before selecting the water for dumping. Yet you have not even come close to doing this. Alternatives to open water disposal exist; they work, and are being used in the New York/New Jersey region, including treatment and beneficial reuse. Why on earth would you want to allow poison to flow freely in the water when you can lock it up safely on land, or when you can clean it? And while the MPRSA prohibits dumping poisons into the water column, you are using the old "dirty standards" for the muck allowed to be dumped into the Sound, calling it clean, when it's not. And nowhere is the Ocean Dumping Act does it say capping is okay. Capping doesn't work as is proven in the New London Dump Site where 1/3 of what was dumped from the Sea Wolf dredging project is missing from the site as concluded in the U.S. Navy's completion report. Plus the capping materials are just as toxic as what you're trying to cap. These issues are not addressed in the DEIS.

The fact is that antiquated dredging and disposal methods (they date back to the 1800's) allow poisons to get churned up not only in the rivers where the dredging takes place, but at the dumpsites as well. There are far superior ways to dredge than using clamshell dredges, but they are made overseas and the Jones Amendment outlaws their use in US waters. Your failure to move industry

into state-of-the-art dredging techniques continues to pollute and re-pollute the same areas over and over again. Open the bottom of the barges at the dumpsites and the finest sediments, which for some reason attach themselves to the most toxic substances, remain suspended in the water column and tend to drift away from the dumpsites. Plus every time the dumping takes place marine life is drawn to the site like Pavlov's dog. It's feeding time. The EPA DEIS fails to mention any of these things.

The fact is Long Island Sound is the only estuary in the entire country that is protected by the Ocean Dumping Act. The reason for this extraordinary protection is that Long Island Sound is dying and needs all the extra protection it can get. What you are doing by designating these dumpsites is killing the Sound by a thousand cuts. No one cut does the killing. It's cut after cut after cut until it's dead. But sadly, that's what we've come to expect from EPA. You have become the Economic Protection Agency, not the Environmental Protection Agency.

LI Sound fishermen should remember that they are the "canaries in the coal mine" when it comes to accumulating toxins in their bodies. Twenty million cubic yards of toxic muck is planned for the waters of Long Island sound if EPA gets their way. Fishermen eat the most fish and feed it to their families. National Marine Fisheries Service rarely tests sport fish for carcinogens and reproductive toxins such as the ones EPA has documented discharged by industries into the Connecticut Rivers. And when they do test they only test the fillet, not the liver where toxins accumulate. Between 1992-1996 the total toxic pollution reported in the Housatonic River alone was 191,555 pounds. In the Still River 45,264 pounds were discharged during the same period. No river in the State of Connecticut is without toxic pollution. Remember what healthy lobsters used to look like. Lobsters eat the tiny critters that feed on the toxic muck. How many more fish will the health department recommend eating once a month, or not at all, if you are a kid or pregnant? This is one letter you need to write.

From: rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:[rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:rodney.ann@epamail.epa.gov)]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2004 5:41 PM  
To: JONI ALTNER  
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Subject: Re: Western Long Island Sound Disposal Site

Dear Joni Altner,

I hope you received the information I sent to you around Dec. 19th. and that it answered some of your questions. This e-mail is a follow-up to the questions you had in regard to the source of the dredged material, testing, and monitoring. {" Specifically, the source of the dredging spoils, the prospective timetable for disposal, whether testing of the spoils is conducted, what studies have been conducted to date to monitor the sounds health in our region since dredging materials were deposited in this site on previous occasions?"}

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) describes the environmental effects of designating a dredged material disposal sites in western and central Long Island Sound. The designation of a site(s) does not authorize disposal of material from any particular source or project.

In the Draft EIS on page 1-10 you will find a description of the Corps permitting process. A Corps permit is required for any disposal of dredged material in US waters, and involves testing of the dredged material. The National guidance for determining whether dredged material is acceptable for open-water disposal is provided in the Ocean Testing Manual (Green Book -1991), the Inland Testing Manual (1998), and the Regional Implementation Manual. The Regional Implementation Manual covers Long Island Sound and is consistent with both manuals mention above. The Regional manual is currently under review.

Monitoring of past disposals of dredged material is conducted under the Corps Disposal Area Monitoring System (DAMOS), this system has been in use since 1977. For the recommended sites (Central and Western) there is a Site Monitoring/Management Plan (SMMP) for each site, this is Appendix J (which may be found on our website). For more information on DAMOS may I suggest you look at the Corps website <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/>

The next step in this process is for the Corps and EPA to review the comments received during the 3 month public comment period and develop a "Response To Comments" document (which we are currently doing). A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be produced and will incorporate the "Response To Comments" document. There is a public comment period on the Final EIS, once it becomes available. It is anticipated that the FEIS will be available in late winter early spring of 2004. A "Notice of Availability" will be sent to the general mailing list (which you are on).

Please visit the website at: <http://www.epa.gov/ne/eco/lisdreg/rpfs.html>

Please feel free to contact me at the address below should you need further assistance.

Thank you, Ann

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Dear Ms. Rodney,

I am a Board Member of the Property Owners of Eatons Neck Beach Association, Inc., the civic association serving the people of Eatons Neck Long Island New York.

I was recently out of State when I learned that a meeting was held at the State University at Stony Brook regarding the issue of dredging disposal sites.

I am interested in any information you can provide me with so that I can share it with our members via our newsletter and post it on our web-site.

Many members in our community are concerned and I would like to ensure that we have the latest most accurate information for our members.

Specifically, the source of the dredging spoils, the prospective timetable for disposal, whether testing of the spoils is conducted, what studies have been conducted to date to monitor the sounds health in our region since dredging materials were deposited in this site on previous occasions?

The waters off Eatons Neck attract fishing, clamming and lobsterman so this is an economic as well as environmental issue for our area.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter,

Sincerely,

Joni Altner

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Corresponding Secretary, Planning and Zoning Chairman

Ann Rodney  
To: Michael Slaughter <mike412@optonline.net>  
01/26/04 11:16 AM  
cc: george@noreast.com  
Subject: Re: (Document link: Ann Rodney)

Dear Mr. Craig Slaughter,  
Thank you for your comments.

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Please do not dump and protect our natural resources.

Craig Slaughter

## EPA Plans Toxic Muck Disposal Sites for Long Island Sound.

The fact is there is a massive die off of lobsters in Long Island Sound. Lobsters that aren't dead have shell rot and look like they've been bathed in acid. Today it is rare to find any lobsters, let alone healthy lobsters, in the Sound. Lobsters, which also serve as food to many fishes including Striped Bass and Black Fish as well as Seals, Turtles and of course, people like you and me, are scavengers. Scavengers tend to be hearty. Yet something is killing them by the hundreds of thousands. The EPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to mention even the possibility that the Mamaroneck Dredging Project and the Sea Wolf Dredging Project could have played a role in this.

The fact is the State of Connecticut under the direction of Art Rocque Jr., who heads the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, has been lobbying the Connecticut Congressional Delegation for at least four years to have Long Island Sound removed from protection of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act. (Ocean Dumping Law) There is only one reason why the head of an environmental protection agency would want to have a law designed to protect the environment repealed. Namely, Connecticut has serious pollution problems in its rivers (including many superfund sites) and the easy way out is to dredge and dump the toxic muck into the Sound, to promote the economy. Furthermore, Roche has also been inciting the Marine Trade Association telling them that the Ocean Dumping Act will put the Ma and Pa marina owners out of business. Yet the Ambro Amendment allows private dredging projects up to 25,000 cubic yards to take place free of the restrictions imposed by the MPRSA, and to my knowledge there has never been a private dredging project over 25,000 cubic yards in the State of Connecticut. Clearly, the past and future poisoning of the Sound by Connecticut, and the political maneuverings by the Connecticut DEP is not addressed in the EPA DEIS. When an environmental protection head champions the economy, then who champions the environment?

The fact is the MPRSA says you must exhaust all alternatives to open water disposal before selecting the water for dumping. Yet you have not even come close to doing this. Alternatives to open water disposal exist; they work, and are being used in the New York/New Jersey region, including treatment and beneficial reuse. Why on earth would you want to allow poison to flow freely in the water when you can lock it up safely on land, or when you can clean it? And while the MPRSA prohibits dumping poisons into the water column, you are using the old "dirty standards" for the muck allowed to be dumped into the Sound, calling it clean, when it's not. And nowhere is the Ocean Dumping Act does it say capping is okay. Capping doesn't work as is proven in the New London Dump Site where 1/3 of what was dumped from the Sea Wolf dredging project is missing from the site as concluded in the U.S. Navy's completion report. Plus the capping materials are just as toxic as what you're trying to cap. These issues are not addressed in the DEIS.

The fact is that antiquated dredging and disposal methods (they date back to the 1800's) allow poisons to get churned up not only in the rivers where the dredging takes place, but at the dumpsites as well. There are far superior ways to dredge than using clamshell dredges, but they are made overseas and the Jones Amendment outlaws their use in US waters. Your failure to move industry into state-of-the-art dredging techniques continues to pollute and re-pollute the same areas over and over again. Open the bottom of the barges at the dumpsites and the finest sediments, which for some reason attach themselves to the most toxic substances, remain suspended in the water column and tend to drift away from the dumpsites. Plus every time the dumping takes place marine life is drawn to the site like Pavlov's dog. It's feeding time. The EPA DEIS fails to mention any of these things.

The fact is Long Island Sound is the only estuary in the entire country that is protected by the Ocean Dumping Act. The reason for this extraordinary protection is that Long Island Sound is dying and needs all the extra protection it can get. What you are doing by designating these dumpsites is killing the Sound by a thousand cuts. No one cut does the killing. It's cut after cut after cut until it's dead. But

sadly, that's what we've come to expect from EPA. You have become the Economic Protection Agency, not the Environmental Protection Agency.

LI Sound fishermen should remember that they are the "canaries in the coal mine" when it comes to accumulating toxins in their bodies. Twenty million cubic yards of toxic muck is planned for the waters of Long Island sound if EPA gets their way. Fishermen eat the most fish and feed it to their families. National Marine Fisheries Service rarely tests sport fish for carcinogens and reproductive toxins such as the ones EPA has documented discharged by industries into the Connecticut Rivers. And when they do test they only test the fillet, not the liver where toxins accumulate. Between 1992-1996 the total toxic pollution reported in the Housatonic River alone was 191,555 pounds. In the Still River 45,264 pounds were discharged during the same period. No river in the State of Connecticut is without toxic pollution. Remember what healthy lobsters used to look like. Lobsters eat the tiny critters that feed on the toxic muck. How many more fish will the health department recommend eating once a month, or not at all, if you are a kid or pregnant? This is one letter you need to write.

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Subject: stop dumping in the Long Island Sound

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January 27, 2004

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Sincerely,

Gina & Nick Vernola

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For years we have been doing our best to monitor the waters of Long Island Sound, Cold Spring Harbor and Oyster Bay. To consider dumping off our shore borders a crime. One cannot disregard the effect of dumping 20.6 million cubic yards of material from already polluted silt from rivers, etc. in Connecticut.

I ask you to re-consider and do otherwise. It's a case of cost does not matter as the Sound is a valuable asset not to be poisoned. It has suffered enough.

Yours,

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Chris Pulling <chris\_pulling@yahoo.com>  
To: Ann Rodney/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
Subject: Dredge EIS Date  
03/09/04 10:48 AM

Ms. Rodney,  
Could you please tell me the upcoming dates regarding the LIS site designation release and comment periods?

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Many thanks,  
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Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2004 11:10 AM  
To: Chris Pulling  
Subject: Re: Dredge EIS Date

Dear Chris Pulling,  
The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was released in September 2003, with a public comment period until Dec. 15, 2003. EPA & The Corps are reviewing all comments and are developing a response to comments document along with a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). It is anticipated that the FEIS and response to comments will be available in the spring 2004, for at least a 30 day comment period.

I have forwarded your e-mail to the EPA & Corps team members for further response.

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Dear Chris Pulling,

In response to your second question, the EPA project manager has responded with the information below.

The Final LIS EIS is expected to be available to the public April 16th for a 30 day comment period.

We are not aware of a permit for disposal of mining material into the ocean which should not have an effect on the LIS EIS. You have contacted the Office of Ecosystem Protection in the EPA region 1 office (New England). The LIS EIS evaluates disposal of dredged material into the ocean. For Ocean Discharge in the state of Pennsylvania, please contact William Muir at 215-814-2741 of our Region 3 office.

If your inquiry is related to mining, we are aware of a draft EIS recommending new actions to further enhance protection of Appalachian streams from mountaintop coal mining. The EPA contacts are John Millet 202-564-7842 and Bonnie Smith 215-814-5543.

Please feel free to contact me should you need further assistance. Thank you, Ann

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I am very opposed to the  
US Congress + The Federal EPA  
dumping dredge in R.I. Sound.

We must protect the  
commercial + recreational  
viability of R.I. Sound.

There is just one more threat  
to our precious environment.

Yours truly  
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FYI. Sewerage treatment plant effluent discharges in dredged material.

Fromer(See attached file: PPCP. Agents of Change.pdf)

