

Long Beach Island – Surf City UXO Removal

Status as of April 20th 2007

MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES OF CONCERN (MEC)
TIME CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION (TCRA)
SURF CITY AND SHIP BOTTOM BOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

- * Beach Work Continues All Beaches remain closed Between So. 7th Street in Ship Bottom and No. 25th Street in Surf City.
- * Digital Geophysical Mapping of the Beach and dune top using towed array of sensors - complete, data being processed to finalize.
- * Teams are currently using mapping to require the anomalies and digging. Found MEC being safely removed from for proper disposal.
- * Surf Zone Magnetometer and Dig - This work is ongoing. Certain areas have been inaccessible due to high tides and storm events. This work encompasses from the area the towed array unit could not collect out to an approximate depth of 3 ft in the water zone. There are approximately 11 street blocks (32 total street blocks) to be cleared.
- * Dune Slope Magnetometer and Dig was started on the 17 April 2007. This work is ongoing. One street grid block is complete S 3rd St (S. 3rd & S. 2nd).
- * To date over 100 MEC items have been recovered and safely removed from the project area by the MEC Contractors.
- * Corps will be ready from a technical standpoint to begin opening beaches starting with the two taper areas - So.7th to So. 3rd in Ship Bottom and No.25th to No. 21st in Surf City by April 27th.

OTHER:

On Friday, April 20, stakeholders met to review progress and discuss the way forward on removal of MEC from Surf City and Ship Bottom. Beach Opening Decisions Corps can technically investigate and recommend safe beach openings with Land Use controls in place, But the beaches can not actually reopen without regulatory concurrence and the consensus of all stakeholders. Lead Regulatory agency needs to be determined NJDEP and EPA to Meet Monday April 23rd to discuss.

Attendance:

* NJDEP: Amy Cradic (Asst. Commissioner, Natural & Historic Resources), Irene Kropp (Asst. Commissioner, Site Remediation & Waste Management), Ben Keiser (Manager, Bureau of Coastal Engineering), Robert Giovannetti (Bureau of Coastal Engineering)

* Borough of Surf City: Leonard Connors (Mayor), William Collins (Police Chief), Frank Little (Borough Engineer), Mary Madonna (Clerk)

* Borough of Ship Bottom: Bill Huelsenbeck (Mayor), Will Richards (Borough Council), Kathleen Wells (Clerk)

* Borough of Harvey Cedars: Jonathan Oldham (Mayor)

* Long Beach Township: Teresa Purpuri (Clerk)

* Baltimore District: Christopher Evans, George Follett

* Philadelphia District: LTC Baker, Frank Master, Keith Watson, Scott Fritzing, Jack Dunn, Ed Voigt