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NY/NJ Baykeeper Applauds start of US Environmental Protection Agency cleanup at
Raritan Bay Lead Slag Site

Statement of Greg Remaud, Deputy Director, NY/NJ Baykeeper

The tireless work of the community members of the EPA "Raritan Bay Slag Citizens Advisory Group" and key elected officials has resulted in an earlier than expected start to the removal of toxic lead slag from Margaret's Creek along Raritan Bay in Old Bridge, NJ.

Congressman Pallone, Old Bridge Township officials, Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez have for several years pushed for beginning lead removal at the earliest date possible in order to safeguard the public and the environment.

This announcement is particularly impressive because EPA is willing to take action prior to any settlement with the Responsible Party, National Lead. This is unusual and shows how persistent elected officials, from federal to local levels, especially Congressman Pallone, have been in supporting the CAG's remediation remedy.

NY/NJ Baykeeper serves as a member of the Raritan Bay Slag CAG and has worked to preserve and restore Margaret's Creek for more than two decades.

About NY/NJ Baykeeper

NY/NJ Baykeeper is the citizen advocate of the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary. Since 1989, we've worked to protect, preserve, and restore the environment of the most urban estuary on Earth – benefiting its natural and human communities. Through our Estuary-wide programs we seek to end pollution, improve public access, conserve and restore public lands, restore aquatic habitats, encourage appropriate and discourage inappropriate development, carry out public education, and work with federal and NY/NJ state regulators and citizen groups as partners in planning for a sustainable future for the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary watershed.

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