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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 137

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION condemning the United States Army Corps of  
2 Engineers' proposed disposal of contaminated dredged materials at two  
3 sites in Bergen County.

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5 WHEREAS, The sand, silt and mud that naturally accumulate in the navigation  
6 channels and ship berths in the port area of northern New Jersey and New  
7 York City must be dredged on a regular basis to ensure the continued  
8 economic viability of the shipping and trade industry; and

9 WHEREAS, While the economic importance of dredging is significant, it is well  
10 known that dredged material is often contaminated with toxic substances  
11 that have been determined to be unacceptable for ocean disposal due both  
12 to the health risks to aquatic life and the threat to human health; and

13 WHEREAS, A plan prepared by the United States Army Corps of Engineers,  
14 identifies more than 50 options as feasible disposal alternatives, including  
15 several new landfills in New Jersey, <sup>1</sup>[where]but<sup>1</sup> sites located in the  
16 municipalities of Leonia and Moonachie in Bergen County <sup>1</sup>[are]have been<sup>1</sup>  
17 targeted; and

18 WHEREAS, The proposed disposal facilities in the two Bergen County towns  
19 <sup>1</sup>[would]<sup>1</sup> reportedly <sup>1</sup>would<sup>1</sup> be situated adjacent to a public swimming  
20 pool, sensitive watershed and wetlands areas, and a public park, and  
21 would needlessly expose both the human population and sensitive  
22 environmental resources to the proven harmful effects of dioxin, PCB's and  
23 other hazardous substances found in most of the dredged material located  
24 in the port area; now, therefore,

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26 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

27 1. The General Assembly condemns the United States Army Corps of  
28 Engineers' proposed plan to dispose of toxic dredged materials in upland

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AES committee amendments adopted June 12, 1997.

1 disposal sites located in Bergen County and declares this option to be  
2 unacceptable.

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4 2. This House implores the Corps to fully explore other disposal  
5 alternatives and make exclusive use of these alternatives when contemplating  
6 the future disposal of contaminated dredged materials.

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8 3. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of  
9 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be forwarded  
10 to the 1[Colonel] Commander and Chief of Engineers of the United States  
11 Army Corps of Engineers and the Commander and District Engineer of the  
12 New York District<sup>1</sup> of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

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18 Condemns Army Corps' proposed dredged material disposal in Bergen  
County towns.