

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 72

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman SULIGA

- 1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Governor to support continued use
2 of the "Mud Dump" site, six miles off of Sandy Hook, New Jersey, as a
3 disposal site for disposal of contaminated dredged material until
4 environmentally preferable, practicable non-ocean disposal alternatives
5 exist for disposal of contaminated dredged material.
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, The dredged material disposal site located six miles off of Sandy
8 Hook, New Jersey, referred to as the "Mud Dump" site, is currently
9 available as a disposal site for some contaminated dredged material
10 pursuant to permits issued by the United States Army Corps of Engineers
11 (USACE) in consultation with the United States Environmental Protection
12 Agency (EPA); and
- 13 **WHEREAS**, The USACE and the EPA are currently seeking to expand the
14 Mud Dump site to include contiguous areas historically used for disposal,
15 and such an expanded Mud Dump site is estimated to provide
16 approximately 10 years of disposal capacity for Category I and II dredged
17 material, which are categories of dredged materials that are contaminated
18 at levels low enough to allow for oceanic disposal; and
- 19 **WHEREAS**, The current Mud Dump site can be environmentally phased-out in
20 an orderly manner by "capping," the use of clean dredged material or clean
21 fill as cover to contain contaminated dredged material and minimize or
22 prevent the exposure of those sediments to the surrounding aquatic
23 environment; and
- 24 **WHEREAS**, The development of environmentally preferable and practicable
25 non-ocean disposal alternatives is a priority but the alternatives do not yet
26 exist; and
- 27 **WHEREAS**, The necessity of dredging the port of New Jersey and New York
28 is important for tourism and is imperative for the economic vitality of the
29 State as well as the port area and region; and
- 30 **WHEREAS**, Contaminant analyses conducted by the National Marine Fisheries
31 Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on
32 bluefish, fluke, sea bass, and tautog, four species frequently caught and
33 sold for human consumption, found that concentrations of PCBs and other
34 contaminants in the fish were low and within the range of levels found in
35 uncontaminated fish, and levels of mercury are were well below the federal

1 Food and Drug Administration action level for warnings on human
2 consumption; now, therefore

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

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6 1. The General Assembly urges the Governor to support continued use of
7 the "Mud Dump" site, six miles off of Sandy Hook, New Jersey, as a disposal
8 site for disposal of contaminated dredged material until environmentally
9 preferable, practicable non-ocean disposal alternatives exist for disposal of
10 contaminated dredged material.

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12 2. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
13 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be forwarded
14 to the Governor.

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STATEMENT

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19 This resolution urges the Governor to support continued use of the "Mud
20 Dump" site, six miles off of Sandy Hook, New Jersey, as a disposal site for
21 disposal of contaminated dredged material until environmentally preferable,
22 practicable non-ocean disposal alternatives exist for disposal of contaminated
23 dredged material.

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28 Urges Governor to support the use of Mud Dump site until non-ocean
29 disposal alternatives exist for dredged material.

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