

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 86

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator KOSCO

1 A SENATE 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, where sites located in the municipalities  
16 of Leonia and Moonachie in Bergen County are targeted; and

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

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

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27 1. The Senate condemns the United States Army Corps of Engineers'  
28 proposed plan to dispose of toxic dredged materials in upland disposal sites  
29 located in Bergen County and declares this option to be unacceptable.

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

34 3. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President  
35 of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be forwarded to the

1 Colonel of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

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STATEMENT

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6 This resolution condemns the United States Army Corps of Engineers'  
7 proposed plan to dispose of toxic dredged materials in upland disposal sites  
8 located in Bergen County and declares this option to be unacceptable. The  
9 resolution further implores the Corps to fully explore other disposal alternatives  
10 and make exclusive use of these alternatives when contemplating the future  
11 disposal of contaminated dredged materials.

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