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### **Soil Remediation at The Peninsula Complete, Clearing Path for Redevelopment**

*Bayonne, NJ*, February 2, 2006 —It's official. The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA) announced earlier this week that soil remediation of the former Military Ocean Terminal is now complete, paving the way for the redevelopment of all six districts at The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor. The announcement came after the BLRA received a final 'No Further Action Letter' from the State of New Jersey.

After the BLRA took possession of the former U.S. Army base in 2001, the site required environmental remediation that included placing soil and asphalt caps over contaminated areas, excavating and removing tons of contaminated soil and replacing it with clean soil, and closing and capping a 28-acre landfill.

The BLRA was responsible for the execution of the soil remediation of the former base and has now met the standards of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

"This is great news for the BLRA and The City of Bayonne" said Mayor Joseph V. Doria Jr. "The 'No Further Action' letter from the State clears the path for redevelopment of the site. We are pleased that NJDEP has shown its continued commitment to the growth of the City of Bayonne."

Excel Environmental Resources of North Brunswick oversaw the soil remediation of the Peninsula.

"With remediation projects, the engineer and client must work together as an integrated team," said BLRA Executive Director, Nancy Kist. "Because of The City's past experience with Excel Environmental, we knew how to plan in a way that would ensure the successful completion of this project."

Complete transformation of the Peninsula is now underway, beginning with the BLRA's designation of Fidelco Bayonne Realty to build out Harbor Station. The BLRA also expects to conditionally designate a developer for the "Bayonne Bay District" soon.

Redevelopment of the Peninsula is organized around the creation of six different, yet integrated districts: Harbor Station, which will consist of mid-rise housing, office space, commercial space and civic facilities; Bayonne Bay, which will feature low and mid-rise housing with views of the South Cove and an adjacent golf course; The Landing, which will have a water transit docking facility surrounded by a commercial and entertainment area with shops, stores and restaurants as well as a residential section with mid-rise housing; The Loft District, which will be converted to hip loft-style housing units adjacent to the ferry landing with views of lower New York Harbor, the Verrazano Bridge and golf course; Bayonne Point, which will feature a cruise port, marinas for private boats to dock, seaside entertainment, cultural and retail venues and high-rise residential and office buildings, and The Maritime Industrial District, which will be transformed into a state-of-the-art deep-sea port with a design that is expected to rival the world's leading ports.

For more information about The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority, please visit [www.bayonnenj.org/blra](http://www.bayonnenj.org/blra).