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## **Water Tower at The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor Scheduled for Demolition**

*Bayonne, August 13, 2004* – A water tower located at the site of the former Sewage Treatment Plant at The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor (formerly MOTBY) was recently demolished.

V. Otilio & Sons of Paterson, NJ, coordinated the demolition. The Sewage Treatment Plant was decommissioned by the Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA) just over a year ago. Demolition of the Sewage Treatment Plant began in June.

The demolition of the Water Tower did not require explosives. Instead, two of the tower's legs were hooked up with cables that were attached to and pulled by a bulldozer. Once the two legs were pulled, the tower fell in less than 30 seconds. The tower will be cut up, offloaded and sent to a metal recycling center for scrap metal.

Prior to the demolition, holes for ventilation were added to release pressure and provide decompression. The water tower is approximately 160 ft. in height and has a storage capacity of approximately 100,000 gallons of water.

“The demolition of the water tower is another sign of progress at The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor,” said Nancy A. Kist, Executive Director, BLRA. “In addition, it will free up additional land which will be prepped for future plans as outlined in the redevelopment plan.”

Safety precautions were taken, including shutting power to nearby electric lines and partitioning off areas deemed unsafe.

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