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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today directed the Secretary of Labor to make available Job Corps personnel from the immediate area to assist in the cleanup of Long Island beaches.

These beaches have been closed because of a series of circumstances still being investigated which include an oil spill, illegal discharges from ships offshore, storm water runoff, and unusual wind and ocean current conditions, which have moved sewage and sludge from normal patterns onto some 70 miles of Long Island's southern coast.

The President also directed the Environmental Protection Agency, the Coast Guard and other appropriate Federal agencies to intensify their efforts to monitor the problem, ascertain its source and make recommendations to prevent recurrences.

The President asked the Domestic Council to oversee these efforts and to assure that they are carried out in full coordination with the efforts of New York State and the affected local communities.

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