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Corps to conduct aerial magnetometer survey as part of Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study on Martha's Vineyard

CONCORD, Mass. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, with assistance from the U. S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, and their contractor UXB, will conduct an aerial magnetometer survey at South Beach, Cape Poge and Tisbury Great Pond on Martha's Vineyard, Mass., starting the week of Jan. 24, 2011 and ending sometime around the first week of February 2011.

This is a tentatively scheduled window when the air mag survey will be conducted. Depending on weather, the survey may start and end a week later. The public is advised that a low-flying helicopter rigged with geophysical instrumentation will be flying in all three project areas.

The purpose of the aerial survey is to supplement the ground survey that is being conducted and to capture areas that could not be mapped via ground geophysical survey. The area to be covered is shown on maps that can be viewed on the Corps website as well as a photo of the helicopter equipped with geophysical instrumentation.

The helicopter will stay approximately 500 feet from any homes. The aerial survey is planned to begin at Tisbury Great Pond, progress to South Beach and then Cape Poge. However, the order may change based on specific weather patterns during working hours.

The Corps website can be accessed by clicking on the following link: www.nae.usace.army.mil/. Select Massachusetts, then projects, then Martha's Vineyard project page, then project photos and aerial magnetometer survey.

Additionally, the New England District is still attempting to acquire the remaining 22 outstanding rights of entry on the Tisbury Great Pond barrier beach. Please contact Ms. Carol Ann Charette or Mr. Quentin Walsh at 978-318-8605/978-505-2918 or 978-318-8440, respectively, if you have been contacted previously by phone and/or received a right of entry in the mail from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District and have not signed and returned it.

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