

BEACH FILL TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER
AUGUST 8, 2017

According to the terms of the Temporary Restraining Order signed by Judge Mendez on Thursday August 3, Margate hosted a meeting at 11:00 AM Friday August 4 to begin discussions about existing beach conditions caused by the Army Corp of Engineers Beach Fill project in Margate. Representatives from Margate, from NJDEP, from Army Corp of Engineers (Philadelphia District) and contractor Weeks Marine were present.

An agreement was reached to:

1. Finish the (sand) crossovers/walkways at Clarendon, Frontenac, and Brunswick Avenues.
2. Have the Army Corps pump water from the retention basins no later than 24 hours after accumulation after a rain event of sufficient accumulation.
3. . Have the Army Corps (Weeks Marine) consolidate and secure the work zone.

The agreement was subject to approval by legal entities for all parties.

Margate asked for daily meetings as per the order of Judge Mendez. Neither the Army Corps nor the NJDEP thought weekend meetings would be productive.

A second meeting was held at 9:00 AM on Monday August 7. All were present except the Army Corps of Engineers. The Army Corps filed a motion with the Federal Court to transfer the matter to Federal Court. Margate and NJDEP continued long range drainage solution discussions. Margate insisted that drainage solution must be based on proven engineering data rather than trial and error suggestions.

A third meeting was held Tuesday August 8 at 9:00 AM with representatives from NJDEP, Margate and Weeks Marine present. Again the Army Corps failed to show as scheduled. Judge Baum from Federal Court held a conference call at 10:00AM with all parties and ordered all parties to be prepared to be present in Court at 10:00AM Wednesday August 9, 2017 at which time she would hear the motion of the Army Corps to lift the Temporary Restraining Order. She will also hear testimony from Margate to oppose lifting the Restraining Order. The matter is in open Court and the public is welcome to attend. The courtroom is in the Federal Courthouse at the corner of Cooper Street and Fourth Avenue in Camden.