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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin second phase of Phragmites management plan in Lower Cape May Meadows Ecosystem Restoration

PHILADELPHIA (Sept 7, 2005) -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its partners in the Lower Cape May Meadows – Cape May Point Ecosystem Restoration Project plan to begin ground application of the EPA-registered glyphosate-based herbicide Glypro®, Monday Sept. 12 to manage the *Phragmites australis* within the Cape May Point State Park and the Nature Conservancy-owned Cape May Migratory Bird Refuge. This work marks the beginning of Phase II of the *Phragmites* management plan associated with the restoration project.

One of the most widely used herbicides on the market, glyphosate has been registered for use since 1974 by the EPA and classified as a non-carcinogenic compound for humans. Glypro® is equivalent to the more commonly known Rodeo® and was designed for use in aquatic environments.

Based on favorable weather forecasts, ground application is scheduled to begin Monday Sept. 12 and continue to Friday Sept. 30 if necessary. Ground application will not occur on weekends. The hours of ground application will be from approximately 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Many safety precautions are in place including the identification of buffer zones; 50 feet for forested communities and significant populations of moderate priority rare species; 100 feet for public roads, private residences, and populations of high priority rare species; and 300 feet for public access buildings. In most cases, the actual distances will be much greater.

During ground application of the Cape May Point State Park officials plan partial closures of the trail system only. For more information please call the park at (609) 884-2159. For closure information at the Refuge, please contact the Nature Conservancy at (609) 861-0600.

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