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BURZICHELLI & RILEY DECRY DECISION **TO ALLOW DELAWARE RIVER DREDGING TO PROCEED** *Back Corzine's call to ready for legal action*

(3rd LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT) – Assembly Deputy Speaker John Burzichelli and Assemblywoman Celeste Riley on Monday decried the Army Corps of Engineers' decision to allow a dredging project to the Delaware River to proceed.

Burzichelli and Riley (both D-Gloucester/Salem/Cumberland) said they were disappointed the decision came before New Jersey has completed its environmental review. They backed Gov. Jon S. Corzine's decision to direct the Attorney General to prepare legal action to stop the project.

"It's unfortunate that the backers of this project are running roughshod over New Jersey's environmental protection process, ignoring the concerns of South Jersey and moving forward before even knowing whether this project makes economic sense," Burzichelli said. "We still have way too many unanswered questions about what this project and its spoils will mean for our region's health and environment. This decision is extremely premature and disappointing."

"This project has the potential to damage our environment and drinking water, and yet we're not even sure it will benefit us financially," Riley said. "New Jersey's strong environmental review process exists to protect the people – in this case the people of South Jersey – and it must be respected."

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