

## Congressman Brady Attends Agreement Signing

Congressman Brady Joins Governor Rendell and Senator Specter at Signing of Delaware River Deepening Project Agreement

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PHILADELPHIA --- "This project will have a profound effect on the Port of Philadelphia and on the entire region," said Congressman Robert A. Brady (D., Pa) as he witnessed the June 23, signing of an agreement between the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority that officially marks the start of the Delaware River Main Channel Deepening Project.

Congressman Brady who joined Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell, U.S. Senator Arlen Specter and government and port officials at the signing added that, "This agreement cements the future viability of the port and ensures that those quality port-related jobs will be here for future generations."

The agreement is a culmination of a 15-year effort to deepen the Delaware River. Under the terms of the agreement the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in partnership with the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority will increase the depth of river by five feet from Camden's Beckett St. Terminal to the mouth of the Delaware Bay. Deepening the shipping channel from 40 feet to 45 feet will make the port more competitive.

Gov. Rendell said that he considered the dredging project the most important project in the history of the Port of Philadelphia. "Today is a milestone for a project that will shape the future of the maritime commerce on the Delaware River."