Please provide the following information, and submit to the NOAA DM Plan Repository.

Reference to Master DM Plan (if applicable)

As stated in Section IV, Requirement 1.3, DM Plans may be hierarchical. If this DM Plan inherits provisions from a higher-level DM Plan already submitted to the Repository, then this more-specific Plan only needs to provide information that differs from what was provided in the Master DM Plan.

URL of higher-level DM Plan (if any) as submitted to DM Plan Repository:

1. General Description of Data to be Managed

1.1. Name of the Data, data collection Project, or data-producing Program:
National Status and Trends: Bioeffects Program - Magnitude and Extent of Sediment Toxicity in the Hudson-Raritan Estuary

1.2. Summary description of the data:
A survey of the toxicity of sediments was performed by NOAA's National Status and Trends (NSandT) Program throughout the Hudson-Raritan Estuary. The objectives of the survey were to determine the spatial patterns of toxicity, the spatial scales (magnitude) of toxicity, the severity (frequency) of toxicity, and the relationships among measures of toxicity and chemical substances in the sediments. This survey was conducted as a part of a nationwide program supported by NOAA's Coastal Ocean Program and the NSandT Program, in which the biological effects of toxicants are determined in selected estuaries and bays. The survey was conducted in two phases: 117 samples were collected throughout the entire estuary during 1991 (Phase 1) and an additional 57 samples were collected in Newark Bay and vicinity during 1993 (Phase 2). Relatively sensitive toxicity tests were performed under controlled laboratory conditions with portions of each sample. During Phase 1, three independent tests were performed: (1) a 10-day, acute survival test of solid-phase sediments with the amphipod Ampelisca abdita; (2) a 48-hour liquid phase test of elutriates with the embryos of the bivalve Mulinia lateralis in which both percent survival and normal embryological development were recorded; and (3) a 15-minute microbial bioluminescence test (Microtox®) of organic solvent extracts. Only the amphipod tests were performed on the samples collected during Phase 2. Chemical analyses of selected samples were performed and the concentrations of trace elements, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), chlorinated pesticides and other hydrocarbons were reported. Also, during Phase 2 the concentrations of numerous chlorinated dioxins and furans were determined.

1.3. Is this a one-time data collection, or an ongoing series of measurements?
One-time data collection

1.4. Actual or planned temporal coverage of the data:
1991 to 1993
1.5. Actual or planned geographic coverage of the data:
W: -73.98944, E: -72.00805, N: 41.55972, S: 40.35027

1.6. Type(s) of data:
(e.g., digital numeric data, imagery, photographs, video, audio, database, tabular data, etc.)

1.7. Data collection method(s):
(e.g., satellite, airplane, unmanned aerial system, radar, weather station, moored buoy, 
research vessel, autonomous underwater vehicle, animal tagging, manual surveys, 
enforcement activities, numerical model, etc.)

1.8. If data are from a NOAA Observing System of Record, indicate name of system:

1.8.1. If data are from another observing system, please specify:

2. Point of Contact for this Data Management Plan (author or maintainer)

2.1. Name:
NCCOS Scientific Data Coordinator

2.2. Title:
Metadata Contact

2.3. Affiliation or facility:

2.4. E-mail address:
NCCOS.data@noaa.gov

2.5. Phone number:

3. Responsible Party for Data Management
Program Managers, or their designee, shall be responsible for assuring the proper management of the data produced by their Program. Please indicate the responsible party below.

3.1. Name:
NCCOS Scientific Data Coordinator

3.2. Title:
Data Steward

4. Resources
Programs must identify resources within their own budget for managing the data they produce.
4.1. Have resources for management of these data been identified?

4.2. Approximate percentage of the budget for these data devoted to data management (specify percentage or "unknown"): 

5. Data Lineage and Quality
NOAA has issued Information Quality Guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information which it disseminates.

5.1. Processing workflow of the data from collection or acquisition to making it publicly accessible (describe or provide URL of description):

Process Steps:
- 1995-01-01 00:00:00 - To ensure that samples were collected throughout the entire estuary, the study area was stratified into 13 contiguous regions designated as zones. These zones were established following review of available bathymetric, physiographic and sedimentological information to represent conditions within major components of the study area. Three sites were sampled within each zone to provide information on environmental variability. Most sites were chosen based upon reviews of data from previous sedimentological and chemical analyses (e.g., City of New York, 1987). Where no historical data were available, the sites were selected based upon bathymetric and sedimentological information published on applicable navigation charts. The coordinates for the center of each site are available in the report. Similar to the method used in NOAA’s Mussel Watch Program (NOAA, 1987), three stations were sampled and tested independently within each site. Sediments from a total of 39 sites and 117 stations were sampled and tested. Sediment sampling procedures are described in the report, which can be found at: http://ccma.nos.noaa.gov/about/coast/nsandt/download.asp Data preparation and sampling processing procedures are described in the report, which can be found at: http://ccma.nos.noaa.gov/about/coast/nsandt/download.asp Descriptions of data manipulations can be found in the report at: http://ccma.nos.noaa.gov/about/coast/nsandt/download.asp

5.1.1. If data at different stages of the workflow, or products derived from these data, are subject to a separate data management plan, provide reference to other plan:

5.2. Quality control procedures employed (describe or provide URL of description):

6. Data Documentation
The EDMC Data Documentation Procedural Directive requires that NOAA data be well documented, specifies the use of ISO 19115 and related standards for documentation of new data, and provides
6.1. Does metadata comply with EDMC Data Documentation directive?
   No

   6.1.1. If metadata are non-existent or non-compliant, please explain:
   Missing/invalid information:
   - 1.6. Type(s) of data
   - 1.7. Data collection method(s)
   - 4.1. Have resources for management of these data been identified?
   - 4.2. Approximate percentage of the budget for these data devoted to data management
   - 5.2. Quality control procedures employed
   - 7.1. Do these data comply with the Data Access directive?
   - 7.1.1. If data are not available or has limitations, has a Waiver been filed?
   - 7.1.2. If there are limitations to data access, describe how data are protected
   - 7.2. Name of organization of facility providing data access
   - 7.2.1. If data hosting service is needed, please indicate
   - 7.3. Data access methods or services offered
   - 7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination
   - 8.1. Actual or planned long-term data archive location
   - 8.3. Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility
   - 8.4. How will the data be protected from accidental or malicious modification or deletion prior to receipt by the archive?

6.2. Name of organization or facility providing metadata hosting:
   NMFS Office of Science and Technology

   6.2.1. If service is needed for metadata hosting, please indicate:

6.3. URL of metadata folder or data catalog, if known:
   https://inport.nmfs.noaa.gov/inport/item/38757

6.4. Process for producing and maintaining metadata
   (describe or provide URL of description):
   Metadata produced and maintained in accordance with the NOAA Data Documentation Procedural Directive: https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/DAARWG/docs/EDMC_PD-Data_Documentation_v1.pdf

7. Data Access

NAO 212-15 states that access to environmental data may only be restricted when distribution is explicitly limited by law, regulation, policy (such as those applicable to personally identifiable information or protected critical infrastructure information or proprietary trade information) or by security requirements. The EDMC Data Access Procedural Directive contains specific guidance, recommends the use of open-standard, interoperable, non-proprietary web services, provides
information about resources and tools to enable data access, and includes a Waiver to be submitted to justify any approach other than full, unrestricted public access.

7.1. Do these data comply with the Data Access directive?

7.1.1. If the data are not to be made available to the public at all, or with limitations, has a Waiver (Appendix A of Data Access directive) been filed?

7.1.2. If there are limitations to public data access, describe how data are protected from unauthorized access or disclosure:

7.2. Name of organization of facility providing data access:

7.2.1. If data hosting service is needed, please indicate:

7.2.2. URL of data access service, if known:
   https://products.coastalscience.noaa.gov/collections/ltmonitoring/nsandt/default.aspx
   https://products.coastalscience.noaa.gov/collections/ltmonitoring/nsandt/default.aspx

7.3. Data access methods or services offered:

7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination:

7.4.1. If delay is longer than latency of automated processing, indicate under what authority data access is delayed:

8. Data Preservation and Protection

The NOAA Procedure for Scientific Records Appraisal and Archive Approval describes how to identify, appraise and decide what scientific records are to be preserved in a NOAA archive.

8.1. Actual or planned long-term data archive location:
   (Specify NCEI-MD, NCEI-CO, NCEI-NC, NCEI-MS, World Data Center (WDC) facility, Other, To Be Determined, Unable to Archive, or No Archiving Intended)

8.1.1. If World Data Center or Other, specify:

8.1.2. If To Be Determined, Unable to Archive or No Archiving Intended, explain:

8.2. Data storage facility prior to being sent to an archive facility (if any):
   National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science - Silver Spring, MD
8.3. Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility:

8.4. How will the data be protected from accidental or malicious modification or deletion prior to receipt by the archive?
Discuss data back-up, disaster recovery/contingency planning, and off-site data storage relevant to the data collection

9. Additional Line Office or Staff Office Questions
Line and Staff Offices may extend this template by inserting additional questions in this section.