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## **DELAWARE RIVER JOINT TOLL BRIDGE COMMISSION CONDUCTS EXCAVATIONS FOR THE I-95/SCUDDER FALLS BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**MORRISVILLE, PA** – The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission is conducting archaeological excavations to determine if there is evidence that people once lived in areas near the Scudder Falls Bridge.

Excavations are being conducted for the I-95 Scudder Falls Bridge Improvement Project, which was initiated by the Commission to address and improve safety and congestion at the Scudder Falls Bridge and along I-95 from Pennsylvania Route 332 in Bucks County, Pa. to Bear Tavern Road in Mercer County, NJ.

An archaeological investigation is being led in Pennsylvania at 1509 River Road and also will be conducted in New Jersey at a location to be determined. The River Road location is owned by the Commission and is visible to the public.

On River Road, the Commission will excavate an area that is more than 6-feet-by-6-feet wide and 8-feet deep and examine soils for archaeological deposits and remains. A chain link fence surrounds the excavation site to ensure the safety and security of the area.

“The archaeological work that is being conducted is another step in completing the documentation of environmental resources in the project area,” said Commission Executive Director Frank G. McCartney. “It’s important that we understand the environmental features in the area so we can make responsible and informed decisions about future transportation improvements.”

The excavation site is not open to the public. For more information, please visit the Commission’s Web site for the Scudder Falls Bridge Improvement Project at [www.scudderfallsbridge.com](http://www.scudderfallsbridge.com), or call the project hotline at 1-800-879-0849 during weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

About the Commission

The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, formed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and state of New Jersey in 1934, operates seven toll and 13 toll-supported (free) bridges along the Delaware River from Trenton-Morrisville to the New York border. For more information about the Commission and its various initiatives to deliver safer and more convenient bridge travel for its car- and truck-driving customers, please see: [www.drjtbc.org](http://www.drjtbc.org).

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