

# Harbor Safety Committee

of the San Francisco Bay Region

*Mandated by the California Oil Spill  
Prevention and Response Act of 1990*

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NOAA's Strategic Planning Office  
1315 East West Highway  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Attn: James H. Butler, Acting Director  
Strategic Planning Office  
Program Planning and Integration

Dear Mr. Butler,

We have reviewed NOAA's proposed 2005-2010 Strategic Plan. We fully support your priorities to:

- Expand and enhance advanced technology monitoring and observing systems, such as weather and oceanographic observations, hydrographic surveys, and precise positioning coordinates, to provide accurate, up-to-date information.
- Develop and apply new technologies, methods, and models to increase the capabilities, efficiencies, and accuracy of transportation-related products and services.
- Develop and implement sophisticated assessment and prediction capabilities to support decisions on aviation, marine, and surface navigation efficiencies; coastal resource management; and transportation system management, operations, and planning.
- Build public understanding of the technology involved and the role of the environment in commerce and transportation

These goals certainly relate to the Physical Oceanographic Real Time System (P.O.R.T.S.) network, which NOAA helped to install in the San Francisco Bay area in 1995. The system has proved invaluable both commercially and environmentally.

The San Francisco Bay Harbor Safety Committee strongly recommends that installation and maintenance of P.O.R.T.S. systems be included, and specifically mentioned, in the final version of the report.

Thank you very much for your consideration. We look forward to reading your final plan.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Harbor Safety Committee of the San Francisco Bay Region

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