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I am writing to request that the San Francisco Harbor Safety Committee create a seat to represent the interests of the independent marine oil terminals and refineries. These facilities have a direct and significant impact on navigation safety and on the safety of the environment and surrounding communities in San Francisco Bay. Each marine terminal and refinery maintains a ship and or barge dock, conducts soundings, performs maintenance dredging, and supports and uses the PORTS system. The companies that operate these marine facilities vet ships and set rules and regulations which govern the quality and management of tankers and tank barges that call at the facilities. Every marine facility maintains extensive oil spill response equipment with fully trained and staffed crews on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Additionally, these terminals make up the majority membership, and fund the oil spill coops that grace San Francisco Bay with the best oil spill cleanup capability in the world. All of these terminals and refineries have marine operations departments staffed with ex-mariners with extensive knowledge of tank vessel and tank barge operations.

The Harbor Safety Committee does not currently include representation from marine oil terminals and refineries, yet they accounted for 3,474 tank vessel and tank barge movements in the bay in 2000. We have no representation, but are asked to sponsor dredging projects, and participate in forums that benefit the entire marine community. We seek your support in creating this position.

Thank you,

Captain Marc Bayer

Manager Marine Assurance

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