

Harbor Safety Committee

of the San Francisco Bay Region

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

May 12, 2005

Mr. Carlton Moore
Administrator
Office of Spill Prevention and Response
1700 K Street, Suite 250
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Recommendation in Support of the San Francisco Vessel Mutual Assistance Plan System (SF-VMAPS)

Dear Mr. Moore:

The San Francisco VMAP System is a registry of waterborne emergency assets that exists in the San Francisco Bay Region to provide a rapid response to any catastrophic search and rescue operation on the Bay. Currently, this registry is maintained by the San Francisco Marine Exchange and is integrated with the SF Bay Automatic Identification System providing real time access to detailed information and location of each asset.

At the May 12, 2005 San Francisco Harbor Safety Committee Meeting, the committee passed a motion asking the Administrator to support the SF-VMAPS initiative *by expanding the vessel registry with voluntary participants and increasing the database of waterborne emergency assets. SF-VMAPS will also provide a secure information delivery application for approved maritime and port stakeholders.*

Sincerely,

Joan Lundstrom, Chairman
San Francisco Harbor Safety Committee

cc: Captain Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange
cc: Barbara Foster, OSPR

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