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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

May 22, 2008

Executive Office

SUBJECT: Your letter dated April 25, 2008, concerning my May 8, 2008, briefing to the Harbor Safety Committee (HSC)

Ms. Joan Lundstrom, Chair  
Harbor Safety Committee of the San Francisco Bay Region  
Fort Mason Center, Building B, Suite 325  
San Francisco, California 94123-1380

Dear Ms. Lundstrom:

It was a pleasure to finally meet you and the members of the HSC. I am sending this letter to repeat a few key points from my briefing and to ask that you include the District on the agenda for the next HSC meeting. We wish to present a briefing on the Draft Engineering Circular (EC) Assessment and Reporting of Acoustic Clearance Surveys in Deep-Draft Navigation Projects.

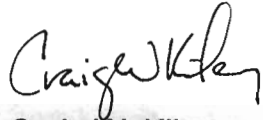
Concerning the issue of timely reporting of survey depths to the maritime community, I described the delays in 2007 and the improvements in our survey posting times to date in 2008, with most surveys being posted within 12 working days after survey completion (in accordance with our SOP) and only 5 surveys being posted more than 18 working days after survey completion. I expect further improvements this summer when we upgrade to RTK GPS (Real Time Kinematic Global Positioning System) for position and elevation control and to a more advanced inertial motion unit (IMU) for vessel motion filtering. To emphasize the importance of timely posting of surveys, any navigation channel surveys not posted within 12 working days will be elevated to the attention of the District Commander.

Although we are discussing navigation channel surveys, it must be emphasized that our Condition Surveys are performed to manage the development of construction projects and the Before-Dredge and After-Dredge surveys are used to compute dredged material volumes. These surveys are "Not for Navigation" and, even though we will strive to post them within 12 working days after survey completion, prompt posting of surveys cannot undermine our construction management responsibilities.

The District's mission and funding are not aligned with the HSC vision of more frequent Corps surveying of several SF Bay channels. For other outside agencies, such as FEMA and the EPA, I mentioned that MOUs were negotiated for these agencies to pay for USACE positions which would allow USACE participation in otherwise unfunded efforts. This is something the HSC might wish to pursue with my successor.

As this was my only meeting with the HSC during my tenure, I will recommend that my successor attend at least one HSC meeting quarterly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig W. Kiley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Craig W. Kiley  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army  
Commanding