

To: Harbor Safety Committee of the San Francisco Bay Region  
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Subject: **Updated Harbor Safety Plan**  
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Enclosed please find revised sections of the *San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun Bays Harbor Safety Plan*, dated March 12, 2009. The state's Harbor Safety Committees are required to review and update their plans as needed on an annual basis, and to submit the approved plan to the Administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response. The Administrator accepts or does not accept the revised Safety Plan.

In addition to an updated Executive Summary to reflect the Committee's activities from July 2007 through mid-February 2009, a number of changes were made throughout the plan text, including minor typographic corrections and cross references, etc. The substantively amended sections for your review and proposed approval are:

1. Chapter II: General Weather, Currents and Tides to include Best Maritime Practices for large vessels and tugs with tows navigating in severe weather or in limited visibility.
2. New Chapter XI: Small Passenger Vessels-Ferries features the adopted ferry traffic routing and guidelines for transit in limited visibility and severe weather.
3. Chapter XIV: Tug Escort/ Assist for Tank Vessels to include guidelines for simulator training of tug crews in emergency operations.
4. Chapter XV: Pilotage to reflect the HSC's recommendations of the use of Portable Pilot Navigation Units, to be investigated by the Board of Pilot Commissioners.
5. New Appendix A: Best Maritime Practices summarizes guidelines developed by the Work Groups and adopted by the Harbor Safety Committee to improve navigation safety.

Although not included with this mailing, the following appendices were modified to reflect updated information and will appear in the final Harbor Safety Plan:

1. Appendix B: Membership of the HSC
2. Appendix E: Annual Work Reports
3. Appendix F: Tug Escort Violations Summary for 2007 and 2008
4. Appendices G, H and I: Clearing House reports for 2007 and 2008
5. Appendix L: Bridge Inventory and Bridge Allisions
6. Appendices M and N: USCG Bay Port Safety and Pollution Statistics for 2007 and 2008
7. Appendix O: Waterborne Petroleum Statistics for 2007 and 2008

