

# PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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## NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

**Date Issued:** 09 August 2013 **Notice Number:** 06/2013

**Subject:** Kinder Morgan Vancouver Wharves Berth #1 – Hydrodynamic Interaction between moored and passing vessels

**Geographic Area:** Vancouver Harbour, BC, Canada

**Details:** There are ongoing concerns with respect to vessel damage and injury to individuals on vessels alongside Kinder Morgan Vancouver Wharves Berth #1. The issue appears to stem largely from the deeper draft vessels alongside Berth #1, the interaction from the larger container vessels that pass in relatively close proximity and the lack of regular checks on the vessels mooring lines.

### Guideline:

The following protocols will be put in place for a trial period of one year from date of implementation with periodic reviews during the term of the trial.

- (1) When a vessel is alongside at berth #1 with a draft of 9.5m or more or the height of tide is less than 2.6m:
  - a. The vessel's agent or Terminal is to notify the Pilotage Authority dispatch office and the ships Master or duty officer to ensure that the ship(s) alongside Kinder-Morgan have all mooring lines tight and gangways secured.
  - b. All Deep Sea vessels transiting First Narrows must maintain a slow bell. The speed of the transit will be the minimum speed at which the ship can SAFELY transit First Narrows under prevailing conditions.
  - c. VTS will be provided with a slow bell request during specific times based on the draft and height of tide calculated by PPA management and are to inform the outgoing ships of the slow bell order. PPA Dispatch to include the information in the pilot dispatch order.
  - d. There is to be a clear narrows request through VTS in order to allow the departing vessel to transit near the center line of the First Narrows Bridge, if possible, allowing more distance between the vessel at KM #1 and the passing vessel.
  
- (2) A VHF or telephone activated flashing light will be provided at the ships gangway as soon as this can be purchased.

If there are any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at (604) 666-6771 or e-mail me at [oberkev@ppa.gc.ca](mailto:oberkev@ppa.gc.ca).

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