

## **VI. CONTINGENCY ROUTING**

### **A. CURRENT PROCEDURES DURING PORT CONSTRUCTION AND DREDGING:**

Construction and channel dredging projects may affect vessel navigation. The LALB Harbor Safety Committee is charged with reviewing the evaluating the adequacy of, and any changes needed in the traffic and routings from port construction and dredging projects, and procedures for routing vessels during emergencies that impact navigation.

When planning a port construction or dredging project, the contractors should meet with both pilot organizations, the Coast Guard and the affected port authorities, to establish safety procedures and communication procedures for vessels and pilots, and to define any proposed restrictions on vessel movements.

Once construction or dredging begins, these same representatives should meet weekly to get up-to-date information for vessels and pilots. Weekly meetings and close coordination will allow projects to proceed smoothly without compromising safe vessel movement.

See, Chapter V, “Harbor Depths, Channel Design and Proposed Construction and Dredging,” for information regarding current and future projects, some of which may impact normal vessel navigation and routing. The importance of proper coordination and communication is paramount to maintain equivalent levels of safety and minimize vessel traffic incidents.

**B. VESSEL ROUTING DURING EMERGENCIES:** The USCG COTP has developed procedures and instructions for vessel movements during emergencies. For more information see Coast Guard COTP’s Merchant Vessel Dispersal Plan for Los Angeles – Long Beach Harbors in Appendix D of this Harbor Safety Plan.

**C. FINDINGS:** The Committee finds the current procedures for contingency routing during port construction and during emergencies are adequate and no changes are needed.