

Agreement

April 10, 2008

Council for Dredging and Marine Construction Safety (CDMCS)

1. The undersigned agree to establish the Council for Dredging and Marine Construction Safety. The council is a joint effort of the dredging and marine construction industry (Industry) and Federal, State and local government (Government) agencies to collectively improve safety standards and practices for dredging and marine construction work activities including, but not limited to, dredging, pile driving, and pier and bridge construction.
2. The Council will work to identify and maximize communication and integrate best safety practices and lessons learned in order to maintain an optimal safety culture for dredging and marine construction operations.
3. The goals of this agreement are:
 - a. Government and Industry work in partnership to promote a culture of safety at all levels within the industry.
 - b. Establish proactive and collaborative processes for resolving safety issues and for applying lessons learned.
 - c. Identify and pursue opportunities to enhance marine safety training and Industry commitment by maintaining crew and management competencies through ongoing learning and professional development.
 - d. Foster the development of safety management systems that result in an Industry-driven safety culture.
4. Membership in the Council will be open to all interested parties from the Industry, Labor and Government.
 - a. A steering committee will be formed from this membership. The steering committee will establish a Council Charter and develop and alter council activities as needed to accomplish the stated goals. We agree to provide the following active participants to the Council:
 - (1). Two Co-Chairs, one from Industry and one from USACE.
 - (2). Two District representatives from each USACE Division, and
 - (3). Two representatives each from the Associated General Contractors and the Dredging Contractors of America.

5. Council activities will include
- a. Coordinating and researching data to develop internal safety related products addressing issues raised by the membership
 - b. Provide a forum for review and comment concerning existing and proposed contractual and regulatory safety requirements and industry consensus standards
 - c. Develop and disseminate post-incident lessons learned and safety information
 - d. Share best safety practices
 - e. Assist in the development and distribution of training assets
 - f. Hold meetings, open to all members and invitees, at least semi-annually
6. The undersigned agree to actively support and participate in this council through their membership and their involvement with the steering committee.

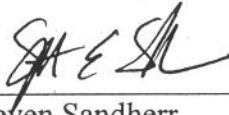
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