2014 - NOTICE TO SHIPPING #5

NIAGARA REGION WELLAND CANAL

<u>UPBOUND VESSEL MOORING – CHANGE IN TIE UP PROCEDURE</u>

Mariners are advised that a procedural change has been implemented for the 2014 navigation season that will affect Up bound vessel mooring Locks 1-7 in Niagara.

After securing any one of the four mooring wires to the appropriate bollard in the lock, the line handler will no longer approach the coping and signal the ship's crew to heave on the wire after the hand line has been removed. Confirmation will be made by the Spotter (*Signaler*) to the vessel, using the VHF radio.

Masters / Pilots are asked to verbally acknowledge the confirmation from the Spotter (Signaler) after each mooring wire is secured.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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