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### Response on Tanker Traffic

I read with interest the letter from Concerned Professional Engineers (CPE) in the February edition of *PY*. The primary thrust of the letter suggests that Kinder Morgan should seek an alternative location for the export of diluted bitumen rather than through Second Narrows Bridge on the basis that this is a "potentially hazardous route."

While not wishing to disrespect anyone's opinion, it is important in this debate that we deal with facts rather than fear-mongering. CPE will be aware that oil tankers have been safely transiting Second Narrows for around 60 years.

Even so, in addition to all tankers today being mandated with double hull construction, the current high level of risk mitigation stems from a five-year exercise involving expertise from Port Metro Vancouver, Transport Canada, the Canadian Coast Guard, the Pacific Pilotage Authority, B.C. Coast Pilots, Seapan and Smit tugs along with the Chamber of Shipping of B.C. Advanced transit and escort procedures implemented several years ago, (<http://portmetro-vancouver.com/transitprocedures>) are tried, tested and proven in simulations, live exercises and in action.

As for the potential for increased traffic, the West Coast of Canada is amongst the lowest density of traffic in the developed world. Should traffic volume at YVR double in the next 10 years, does anyone really believe that it will be any less safe to fly—highly doubtful I suspect. Let's therefore keep things in perspective. Growth in shipping does not threaten marine safety, our environment and anyone's way of life but it will ensure that Canada remains a serious participant in world trade with the obvious benefits to every single Canadian.

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