Comments: (5-14-19, Industry)
Why is SP0050901 proposed to be removed? If anything, in our experience, it should be rewritten to include current US Coast Guard safety requirements for the utility boats. In District 7, we have had to modify SP0050901 on more than one occasion to include this additional USCG information. By removing SP0050901 and inserting additional language in 0050900 that seems vague, I feel this will require Districts with long bridge projects to spend additional time preparing MSP requests to ensure the projects are provided with utility boats that meet our needs.
Response:
The rationale behind the deletion of the MSP and related USCG requirements contained therein, is at Industry’s request to no longer purchase boats to the CEI for the CEI’s inspection purposes. The Contractor must comply with USCG requirements for his or her own craft, which the CEI will now use for means of transport for inspection activities.