The operator must:

- Maintain communication to and from the barge and conduct periodic checks throughout the shift.
- Provide adequate railing, keep deck clean, and practice good housekeeping to prevent trips, slips and falls.
- Wear life vests at all times when there are dangers of falling into water.
- Keep all guards in place and electrical boxes maintained.
- Provide and maintain safe access to and from the barge.
- Have a rescue boat readily available in case of emergency.
- Check for frayed cables and replace if they are a hazard or if they are not of sufficient strength to hold the designed capacity.
- Make sure fire extinguishers have been properly inspected, are readily available, strategically placed, and of sufficient size and type in the event of a fire.