



## MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

*These bulletins are purely informational for the maritime community within this Captain of the Port zone. They advise you of emerging information & situations that may impact our Marine Transportation System. As important, they help to manage expectations & facilitate cooperation regarding actions that we may be taking and/or that you may need to employ in the interest of safety/security. Increased vigilance in our maritime world hinges significantly upon proactive engagement & information sharing with the private sector, which has the primary responsibility for security & safety at their waterfront facilities & vessels.*

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**SUBJECT: Department of Homeland Security Advisory**

**Attn: Facility and Vessel Security Managers**

1. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) have issued a joint advisory intended to raise the security awareness of recipients based on recent terrorist attacks overseas and information indicating that al-Qaeda continues to plan attacks against U.S. targets. However, based on current threat reporting, there is no change to the Homeland Security Advisory System Level or Maritime Security (MARSEC) level. The current Homeland Security Advisory Level is **Yellow**. The current Maritime Security level is **MARSEC 1**.

2. There has been at least one major terrorist attack resulting in substantial numbers of casualties each week for the past several weeks. These terrorist bombings, coupled with public proclamations regarding al-Qaeda's intentions to target western interests, however, heighten concern that a threat against the U.S. Homeland and U.S. interests aboard continues. Although there are strategic threat indicators regarding al-Qaeda's desire to repeat a mass casualty attack and/or to strike major political and symbolic targets, there is no tactical information identifying timings, targets, tactics or locations. DHS and the FBI are concerned that LNG, chemical or petrochemical sites (manufacturing and HAZMAT storage) near major populations centers, dams and water facilities, nuclear facilities, as well as cruise ships, ferries and LNG carriers may be principle targets.

3. Facility and vessel security managers are encouraged to take the following actions:

- Review vessel and facility security plans, ensure all personnel are familiar with their responsibilities and duties
- Monitor restricted areas
- Control access to vessels and facilities
- Monitor areas accessible to the public, including deck areas and areas surrounding vessels
- Implement security lookouts and/or security patrols

4. The Coast Guard continues to be on a heightened state of alert consistent with the current Homeland Security threat level and are taking appropriate measures consistent with the MARSEC level (**MARSEC 1**). The USCG is working with DHS, DOT, the FBI, and other security/law enforcement agencies to ensure the security of ports, waterways and facilities. You are encouraged to continue close cooperation and coordination of necessary safety/security efforts with your local/state law enforcement agencies. Report any suspicious activity to the Coast Guard via marine radio or via our 24-hour Coast Watch Hotlines or the National Response Center.

**Connecticut: (800) 774-8724.**

**Long Island, NY: (800) 697-8724.**

**Other areas: (800) 424-8802 (National Response Center)**

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