

Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston
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Port Security Information Bulletin

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**Maritime Security Condition (MARSEC) 1 Set
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The purpose of this PSIB is to inform port stakeholders that by direction of the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, MARSEC 1 is now in effect within the ports of Houston, Galveston, Texas City, and Freeport.

Temporary Final Rules referenced in [PSIB 34-03](#) and [PSIB 02-04](#), requiring 4 hour advance notice of movement of CDC cargo in the Texas City Channel and Upper Houston Ship Channel between Morgan's Point and the Turning Basin are hereby cancelled. Limitations on hours of CDC movement are no longer in effect. However, operators are reminded that reporting requirements governing advance notice of movement of all CDC cargos are set forth in 33 CFR, Part 160, and have been in effect since April 2003.

Although the national alert level has returned to Yellow, the nation is still at an elevated level of risk. Coast Guard commands in this area will continue to maintain particular vigilance around some critical resources and locales.

The Coast Guard has no specific maritime threat information regarding the Houston-Galveston port areas. The Coast Guard will continue to coordinate with local, state, and federal government agencies, as well as the maritime community to ensure that all port stakeholders are maintaining a state of vigilance and readiness. Should the Coast Guard receive specific threat information involving the Houston-Galveston area, it will be conveyed through the appropriate communications channels and released as soon as possible in accordance with federal security regulations.

All vessel and facility operators are advised to report suspicious persons or activities to MSO Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5100 ext. 0.

The U.S. Coast Guard reminds the maritime industry that they may also report information concerning suspicious activity to the National Response Center (NRC) via the NRC's 24-hour telephone number at 1-800-424-8802.

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