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## NOTIFICATION OF INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES

On December 21, 2003, the Department of Homeland Security raised the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) threat condition level from Yellow (Elevated) to Orange (High). In conjunction, the Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level within the Louisville Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone, as defined in 33 CFR Part 3, has been raised to MARSEC Level 2.

All port security stakeholders are strongly encouraged to review and implement security measures outlined in Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVIC's) 9-02 (Port Security), 10-02 (Vessel Security), and 11-02 (Facility Security). Each of these NVIC's are located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/gm/nvic/index00.htm>. Owners and operators of maritime infrastructure, facilities, vessels, and watercraft shall also have procedures to immediately and effectively communicate with law enforcement and response personnel in the event of a Transportation Security Incident (TSI).

It is imperative that all security measures are taken to deny exploitation of a terrorist attack against U.S. population or U.S. maritime infrastructure. The U.S. Coast Guard will continue our partnership with federal, state, and local law enforcement, response agencies, the commercial maritime community, and general public while increasing our presence on inland waterways. Together, we will continue to detect and deter terrorist attacks, and reduce vulnerabilities through coordinated security procedures and communication.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact my representative, Lieutenant Tom Lake at (502) 582-5194 ext. 37.

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