



## **Port Security Information Bulletin**

**PSIB 15-03**



**Change in Maritime Security Level  
April 18, 2003**

The purpose of this PSIB is to set Maritime Security Condition (MARSEC) 1 within the Houston-Galveston COTP zone. This is consistent with the Department of Homeland Security change of threat advisory from Orange (High) to Yellow (Elevated). Waterfront facilities and vessel owners, operators, and agents are again reminded to maintain continued vigilance and keep in place those minimum measures established for the Houston-Galveston COTP zone (see PSIB 02-03, posted at <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/hougal/html/index.htm>).

The cooperation and extra vigilance shown during MARSEC 2 was exceptional. The entire port community is to be commended.

We must continue to keep port security at the forefront. Please review your own security plans for their effectiveness during the recent MARSEC 2 period and make the necessary improvements. A discussion of the most commonly observed discrepancies will be held at the next Port Security Subcommittee meeting at 9:30 am, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Port of Houston Authority.

The Coast Guard will continue to conduct security patrols within the ports and offshore. All operators are advised to maintain enhanced security measures and to report all suspicious persons or activities to MSO Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5100, MSU Galveston at (409) 766-5400, or VTS Houston/Galveston at (713) 671-5103.

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