

Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston  
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**Port Security Information Bulletin**

**PSIB 16-04**

**THREAT ADVISORY**

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The purpose of this PSIB is to address the change in the Homeland Security Threat Advisory from Yellow (Elevated) to Orange (High) in Washington, D.C., Northern New Jersey, and New York City due to recent intelligence that indicates potential terrorist threats against major U.S. and international financial institutions in these areas. However, due to no specific threat to the Houston-Galveston area, Maritime Security (MARSEC) 1 security measures remain in effect at this time.

Even though there is **NO TACTICAL INFORMATION** that suggests any specific timing, targets, tactics or locations for the Houston-Galveston area, past intelligence shows potential threats against Chemical and Petroleum industries in Texas still exists. Waterfront facilities and vessel owners, operators, and agents, are urged to review their security plans and MARSEC 2 security measures. Local Coast Guard commands continue to work closely with government agencies and industry groups to ensure that all stakeholders in the Ports of Houston, Galveston, Freeport and Texas City are maintaining a heightened state of vigilance and readiness. If specific threat information regarding the Houston-Galveston area becomes available to the Coast Guard, it will be conveyed through appropriate communications channels and released as soon as possible in accordance with federal security regulations.

The Coast Guard will continue to conduct security patrols within the ports and offshore. All operators are advised to report all suspicious persons or activities to MSO Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5100 ext. 0 or to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802. Report forms can be found at <http://www.amsc-hougal.com/support/SuspiciousActivityReport.pdf>

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