



# KENTON COUNTY EOP INCIDENT SPECIFIC PLAN

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### MARITIME SECURITY LEVELS

#### I. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

- A. The United States Coast Guard is the lead Federal Agency for Maritime Homeland Security.

#### II. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. The Coast Guard employs a three-tiered system of Maritime Security (MARSEC) Levels designed to easily communicate to the Coast Guard and maritime industry partners pre-planned, scalable responses for credible threats. If the Secretary of Homeland Security issues a National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Alert, the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard will adjust the MARSEC Level, if appropriate, based on the commensurate risk, any maritime nexus, and/or Commandant Consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security.

- B. MARSEC Levels are set to reflect the prevailing threat environment to the marine elements of the national transportation system, including ports, vessels, facilities, and critical assets and infrastructure located on or adjacent to waters subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. MARSEC Levels apply to vessels, Coast Guard-regulated facilities inside the U.S., and to the Coast Guard.

MARSEC **Level 1** means the level for which minimum appropriate security measures shall be maintained at all times.

MARSEC **Level 2** means the level for which appropriate additional protective security measures shall be maintained for a period of time as a result of heightened risk of a transportation security incident.

MARSEC **Level 3** means the level for which further specific protective security measures shall be maintained for a limited period of time when a transportation security incident is probable, imminent, or has occurred, although it may not be possible to identify the specific target.

- C. MARSEC Level 1 generally applies in the absence of an NTAS Alert or when the Commandant determines that the Alert is not applicable to the Marine Transportation System. If an NTAS Alert is applicable, the Commandant will consider a MARSEC Level change.