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SUBJECT: Cyber Security Alert

The U.S. Coast Guard released a notice to inform all maritime stakeholders on a recent uptick of cyber-attacks targeting port operations. Research has further revealed nefarious actors are exploring cyber methods to target ships such as using Ballast Water systems to sink a vessel and interfering with satellite communications. All of this information can be found in the notice at the following link: [Notice of recent cyber threats to the Marine Transportation System](#)

The Coast Guard encourages operators to take the following prompt action:

- Review controls protecting Operational Technology,
- Closely monitor network and system logs for any signs of unusual activity,
- Review incident response plans, security plans, business continuity plans, and disaster recovery plans,
- After reviewing these plans, with the context of these recently identified threats, implement increased security measures to mitigate any identified vulnerabilities.

Further, should you be aware or suspicious of a cybersecurity incident while your vessel is in US waters, [you must report the same to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802.](#)

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