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**PORT OF GREEN BAY PUTS
SECURITY PLANS TO THE TEST**

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(Green Bay) – The Port of Green Bay will be the focus of an Area Maritime Security Training and Exercise Program (AMSTEP) on May 21, 2008. The U.S. Coast Guard and other federal, state and local agencies along with industry personnel will take part in the exercise which will review the effectiveness of port security plans.

“The exercise will be a full-scale security test involving a Transportation Security Incident in the Port of Green Bay,” stated Jeff Hieb, Port Security Officer for Lake Michigan and team leader for the exercise.

The test will focus on the responses of the Green Bay Maritime Safety and Security Committee, law enforcement and emergency responders throughout three different phases. “The real goal of the exercise is to ensure that we have an appropriate plan to prevent acts of terrorism and keep the port secure,” Hieb stated “It really shows you the entire scope of what a response would look like.”

A debriefing of the exercise will take place immediately after the conclusion of the day’s events.

The exercise is funded through a Homeland Security Grant that was awarded to the Port of Green Bay in 2007.

The exercises are not open to the public.

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Media Note: The media is invited to cover / attend the exercise from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. You will be able to visit the three incident areas being used for exercise, which includes a boat ride into lower Green Bay, the hospital and incident center.

Those interested in attending **must RSVP to Kristen Paquet at the number or email listed below by Noon on Tuesday, May 20.** Since part of the tour will involve a boat ride, we **will not** be able to accommodate anyone that does not RSVP.

Please meet at the Green Bay Metro Boat Launch, Jack Day Education Center, **NO LATER** than 10 a.m. on May 21.

The exercise will be taking place regardless of inclement weather. The following dress code will be strictly enforced:

- Life vests will be required to be worn by everyone. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Flat shoes only – no heels. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Women reporters, **please wear slacks** as you will be getting in and out of a boat
- It is generally colder on the water than on land, so please dress warmly and appropriately.

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