§ 103.410 Persons involved in the Area Maritime Security (AMS) Assessment.

The persons carrying out the AMS Assessment must have the appropriate skills to evaluate the security of the port in accordance with this part. This includes being able to draw upon expert assistance in relation to:

(a) Knowledge of current security threats and patterns;
(b) Recognition and detection of dangerous substances, and devices;
(c) Recognition, on a non-discriminatory basis, of characteristics and behavioral patterns of persons who are likely to threaten security;
(d) Techniques used to circumvent security measures;
(e) Methods used to cause a transportation security incident;
(f) Effects of dangerous substances and devices on structures and port services;
(g) Port security requirements;
(h) Port business practices;
(i) Contingency planning, emergency preparedness, and response;
(j) Physical security measures;
(k) Radio and telecommunications systems, including computer systems and networks;
(l) Transportation and civil engineering;
(m) Vessel and port operations; and
(n) Knowledge of the impact, including cost impacts of implementing security measures on port operations.

Subpart E—Area Maritime Security (AMS) Plan

§ 103.500 General.

(a) The Area Maritime Security (AMS) Plan is developed by the COTP, in consultation with the AMS Committee, and is based on an AMS Assessment that meets the provisions of subpart D of this part. The AMS Plan must be consistent with the National Maritime Transportation Security Plan and the National Transportation Security Plan.

(b) Portions of the AMS Plan may contain sensitive security information, and those portions must be marked as such and protected in accordance with 49 CFR part 1520.

§ 103.505 Elements of the Area Maritime Security (AMS) Plan.

The AMS Plan should address the following elements, as applicable:

(a) Details of both operational and physical measures that are in place in the port at MARSEC Level 1;
(b) Details of the additional security measures that enable the port to progress, without delay, to MARSEC Level 2 and, when necessary, to MARSEC Level 3;
(c) Details of the security incident command-and-response structure;
(d) Details for regular audit of the AMS Plan, and for its amendment in response to experience or changing circumstances;
(e) Measures to prevent the introduction of dangerous substances and devices into designated restricted areas within the port;
(f) Measures to prevent unauthorized access to designated restricted areas within the port (e.g., TWIC);
(g) Procedures and expected timeframes for responding to security threats or breaches of security, including provisions for maintaining infrastructure and operations in the port;
(h) Procedures for responding to any security instructions the Coast Guard announces at MARSEC Level 3;
(i) Procedures for evacuation within the port in case of security threats or breaches of security;
(j) Procedures for periodic plan review, exercise, and updating;
(k) Procedures for reporting transportation security incidents (TSI);
(l) Identification of, and methods to communicate with, Facility Security Officers (FSO), Company Security Officers (CSO), Vessel Security Officers (VSO), public safety officers, emergency response personnel, and crisis