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### ***Coast Guard Awards Port of Baltimore Another “Excellent” Security Assessment***

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- For the sixth consecutive year, the public marine terminals at the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore received a top rating of ‘excellent’ on a security assessment from the U.S. Coast Guard for 2016. The Coast Guard conducts annual and thorough examinations of the Port’s six public marine terminals: Dundalk, Seagirt, North Locust Point, South Locust Point (including the cruise passenger terminal), Fairfield and Masonville.

“Having a successful seaport in today’s world means not only managing busy cargo and cruise operations but also having a very strong security program,” said Governor Larry Hogan. “I congratulate all who are involved with making sure the Port of Baltimore remains one of the safest and most secure ports in the nation.”

Each year Coast Guard Sector Baltimore conducts a comprehensive inspection of the Port’s public marine terminals to ensure they are within compliance of federal security regulations. The visual inspection includes a review of access control procedures and makes certain that physical security fixtures, such as high-mast lighting and fencing are up to federal security standards.

The Maryland Department of Transportation’s Port Administration (MPA), which oversees the Port of Baltimore’s public marine terminals, has moved forward in recent years with many new security initiatives and enhancements including closed circuit television, cyber security, and stronger access control.

“The success of this year’s exam was due in large measure to the outstanding professionalism, commitment and dedication exhibited by the Port’s Security Department, Maryland Transportation Authority Police and Allied Barton,” said U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port L.P. Harrison, Jr., in a letter to MPA Executive Director James J. White. “I appreciate and commend these efforts as they greatly enhance our ability to meet our mutual goal of maintaining the safety and security of the Port of Baltimore.”

Business at the Port of Baltimore generates about 13,650 direct jobs, while about 127,600 jobs in Maryland are linked to Port activities. The Port is responsible for nearly \$3 billion in personal wages and salary and more than \$300 million in state and local tax revenues.

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