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**PORT FREEPORT AND U.S. COAST GUARD TO SPONSOR
FREEPORT TEXAS INDUSTRY AND OUTREACH DAY**

FREEPORT, Texas (January 26, 2009) – Port Freeport and the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit (MSU) will sponsor an industry and outreach day for the Freeport, TX region on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. The event will be held in the Lake Jackson Civic Center from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. All interested agencies and individuals are welcome to attend.

“This is the first time the United States Coast Guard Industry Day has been presented in the Brazosport area,” said Port Freeport Director of Security & Safety Rick Benavidez. “It is an opportunity for the public to interact with the [U.S.] Coast Guard and to hear first-hand the assorted service missions they provide. Port Freeport is proud to co-sponsor this event. It will be an interesting and informative day.”

Topics to be covered include U.S. Coast Guard presence and role in the Freeport area; recent regulatory topics; Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC); Hurricane Ike presentation and Commercial Vessel Safety. For more information, please contact Lieutenant Cliff Harder (409) 978-2705.

Port Freeport currently ranks 16th among U.S. ports in international cargo tonnage handled. With a current channel of 45-foot depth, soon to be widened and deepened, just 3 miles from open Gulf of Mexico waters, Port Freeport offers more than 7,500 acres for future development. Port Freeport serves its customers and stakeholders through development and marketing of competitive world-class navigational capabilities, technically advanced marine and multimodal terminal services and port-related industrial facilities while achieving profits and creating jobs as a leading economic catalyst for the Texas Gulf Coast.

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