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# Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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## Coast Guard Cyber Protection Team Assessments in Western Alaska

Purpose: Sector Western Alaska and U.S. Arctic is pleased to announce the availability of U.S. Coast Guard Cyber Protection Team (CPT) assessments to MTSA-regulated partners. These technical evaluations are intended to strengthen the cybersecurity posture of the Marine Transportation System (MTS) by identifying vulnerabilities and offering practical mitigation strategies tailored to maritime operations.

### Cyber Protection Team Assessments:

CPT assessments provide focused technical evaluations of cyber systems and may include:

- Penetration testing and threat emulation.
- Vulnerability scanning and configuration analysis.
- Architecture review and hardening recommendations.
- Evaluation of Information Technology (IT) and, when appropriate, Operational Technology (OT) assets.

Assessments typically occur in **two** phases:

**Week One:** Remote coordination and initial review.

**Week Two:** Onsite engagement at the facility or vessel with in-scope systems.

### Non-Regulatory Mission:

These engagements are **not regulatory inspections** and will not result in enforcement actions. *CPT assessments do not fulfill the Cybersecurity Assessment or Penetration Testing requirements outlined in 33 CFR 101 Subpart F*; however, these assessments can provide valuable technical insight

to inform how regulated entities structure their own cybersecurity evaluations. Findings from CPT engagements may support the development or refinement of internal cybersecurity governance programs, particularly when applying recognized risk management principles.

### Cost and availability:

**CPT Assessments are available at no cost to industry partners.** Requests for assessment are evaluated and prioritized based on potential impact to the Marine Transportation System. Facilities and vessels that support critical infrastructure, essential port functions, or key supply chains may be given priority consideration.

### Requesting a CPT Assessment:

To request consideration for a CPT assessment or for more information, please contact Sector Western Alaska and U.S. Arctic at 907-428-4100 or email [sectorwesternak@uscg.mil](mailto:sectorwesternak@uscg.mil)

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