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<p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u> Level 2 – Heightened Awareness</p>	<p>http://ready.alaska.gov</p>	<p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u> Read the updated NTAS Bulletin here</p>
<p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> Level: 1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19): 2019 Novel Coronavirus</p>	<p><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo</p>

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are in red.)

Significant Issues:

Mat-Su and Copper River Wind Storm

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) has begun implementing the state disaster recovery programs pursuant to Governor Dunleavy’s declaration of disaster on January 3, 2022. Individual Assistance registration has opened for residential and rental property owners with damages in the declared area. Private insurance response for disaster recovery is ongoing. The SEOC deployed Alaska National Guard service members to assist the Mat-Su Borough Emergency Operations with emergency supply distribution and damage assessment. With almost all power restored, the Mat-Su Borough Emergency Operations Center, in coordination with the Red Cross and Salvation Army, is closing the last open congregate shelter and transitioning to individual feeding support and Mass Care case management operations. Collection of damage cost information for disaster cost reimbursement for eligible public infrastructure is underway under the state disaster program.

Interior Winter Storm

Governor Dunleavy’s declaration of disaster on January 3, 2022 included areas impacted by the December 28, 2021 interior winter storms. With the restoration of power, disaster operations in the Interior have transitioned to recovery with the opening of the state’s Individual Assistance registration and collection of damage and response costs to prepared for submission to disaster reimbursement. The SEOC is in regular communication with the Fairbanks North Star and Denali Boroughs, and Delta Junction to address damage assessment and individual assistance implementation. Due to heavy, sustained snowfall, SEOC continues to engage in coordination for emergency response access in some more remote areas of the Unorganized Borough with residents who remain isolated.

Angoon – Water Supply Disruption:

Over the weekend, the SEOC was contacted by the Mayor of Angoon reporting a community wide water shortage due to frozen water infrastructure. The SEOC contacted the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation who, in coordination with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, was actively engaged in assisting the City. As of last night, the water system was operational with water in storage tanks and most residents having water. The situation is expected to continue to improve with warmer temperatures forecasted for today.

Southeast – Heavy Snow, Avalanches

The SEOC was in contact this weekend with Juneau City and Borough Emergency Management. A large retail commercial property was evacuated due to concerns with structural snow loading. The SEOC coordinated communication with structural engineering support and contingency planning for additional state assistance.

Other communities in Southeast Alaska reported heavy snow with a transition to warmer weather and rain forecast. The SEOC has established a Branch Director under the current response Incident Command structure to monitor conditions in Southeast and oversee community requests that arise.

Covid-19 Surge

The SEOC, as an agency representative to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) COVID response, is actively monitoring the Omicron variant case surge in Alaska, hospital staffing shortages, and outbreaks in some communities. The SEOC continues to support DHSS with Alaska National Guard and Federal Emergency Management Agency resources.

Fuel Shortages

Several communities have contacted the SEOC regarding fuel shortages due to transportation delays and severe weather. The SEOC is working with each community to seek interim fuel supplies, often by air, and to address longer-term fuel supply issues.

Threat Level Changes:

None

State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)

DHSS is now leading the State of Alaska COVID-19 Recovery through Department Operations, supported by SEOC and other state departments as required.

For current COVID-19 information, see:

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

NTAS BULLETIN

To read current or expired advisories, click the link below:

<https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system>

Travel Alerts and Conditions

For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to <http://511.alaska.gov/>

Barry Arm Landslide / Tsunami Risk

For the latest information on the Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami risk, click here:
[DGGG Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami Hazard](#)

Recent Earthquakes

USGS Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>
National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://tsunami.gov/>

Alaska Volcanoes

Great Sitkin Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**
Pavlof Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**
Semisopchnoi Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**
For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:
<http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index>

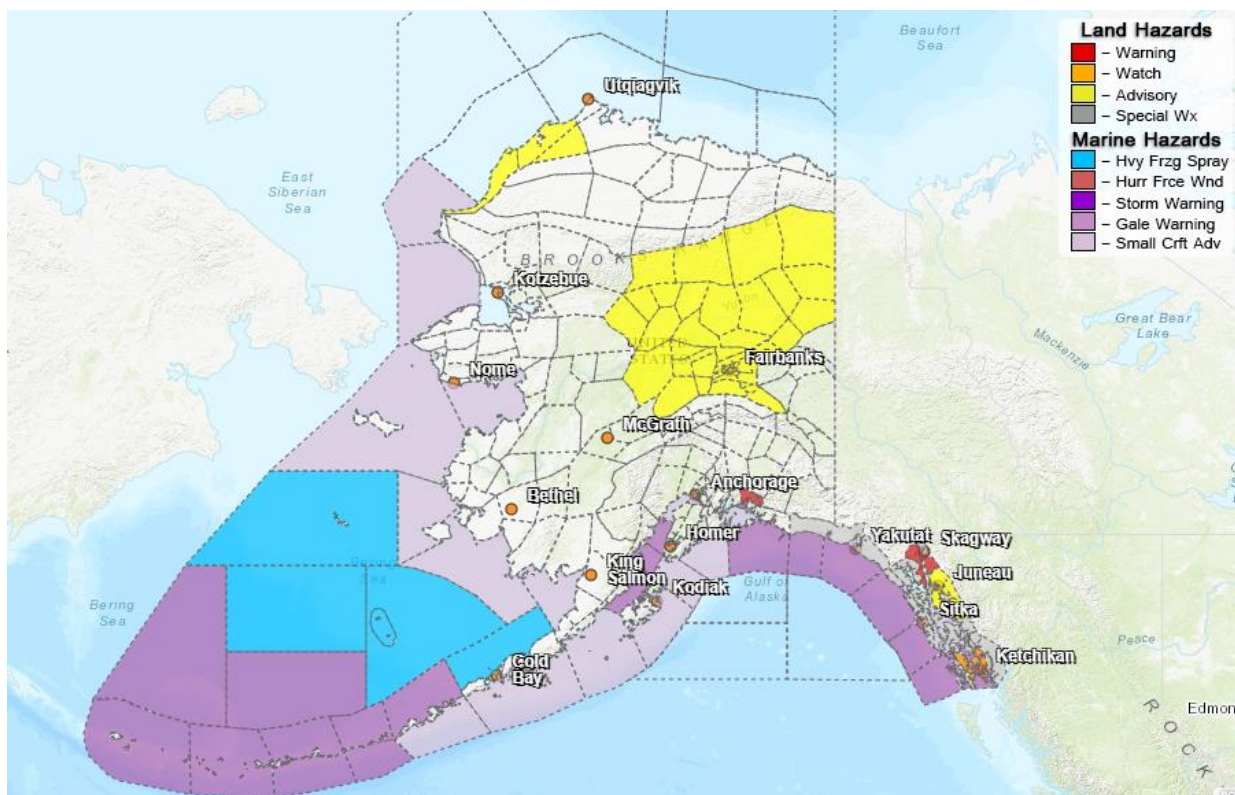
Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances

The ADEC Spill Prevention and Response page is located at:
<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/>

Alaska Cyber Security Information

State Employees may sign up for cyber security notifications and alerts at
<https://oit.alaska.gov/security>

Significant Weather:



A Winter Storm Warning is in effect until 9:00 P.M. today for Haines. Heavy snow and light freezing rain are possible, with additional snow accumulations of 4 to 8 inches expected.

A Flood Watch is in effect through this afternoon for Ketchikan and Metlakatla. Localized flooding is possible in areas with poor drainage.

Winter Weather Advisories are in effect for the following areas:

- Southeastern Brooks Range, Upper Koyukuk Valley, Yukon Flats, Central Interior, Middle Tanana Valley and the Deltana and Tanana Flats until noon today.
- Juneau until 1:00 P.M. today. Freezing rain and ice accumulations are possible.

Special Weather Statements have been issued for much of Southeast Alaska. Rain, warmer temperatures and elevated freezing levels could create rapid snowmelt and cause nuisance flooding throughout the southern Panhandle. These conditions could cause increase the risk of avalanches near areas with steep terrain.

For more information and the most current weather, Watches / Warnings / Advisories go to: <http://www.weather.gov/arh>.

Avalanche Forecast:



There are areas near Haines and Chilkat Lake with high risk, near Valdez and the Richardson Highway with moderate risk, and near Cordova with considerable risk.

Check the Avalanche Forecast Center closest to your area for the most up to date information on avalanche potential. <https://alaskasnow.org> or <https://www.weather.gov/afc/avalancheweather>

The Next Situation Report: will be 11 January 2022. A significant change in the situation or the threat level will prompt an interim report.

This report is posted on the internet at <https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep>. To register for email distribution, go to <http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/dhsem.situation.report>. Direct questions regarding this report to the SEOC at 907-428-7100 or seoc@alaska.gov