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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> View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: You can read the new NTAS Bulletin here.</p>
<p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p><u>WHO Post Pandemic:</u> Disease activity at seasonal levels.</p>	<p><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo</p>

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

THREAT LEVEL CHANGES: SEOC LEVEL 2 – HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

Significant Issues:

Wildland Fires

SEOC has been in regular contact with the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB), Mat-Su Borough, Alaska State Division of Forestry (DOF), Lake and Peninsula Borough, Bristol Bay Borough, Alaska Department of Public Safety, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Alaska Volunteer Agencies in Disaster, and the Alaska National Guard to support wildland fire operations in the state.

Over the last 72 hours, SEOC has processed resource orders for National Guard assistance in helicopter support for wildland fire suppression, traffic management in the Kenai Peninsula and Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and lodging/logistics assistance for firefighters coming from the lower 48 states.

SEOC will conduct a coordination call with the state Mass Care Group today to support sheltering/mass care operations in fire impacted communities.

Impacted local communities will report on structures/property lost in their jurisdictions. To date, ongoing fire suppression operations have not allowed for full initial assessments.

Chignik Lagoon – Water Shortage

SEOC is in regular contact with the Chignik Lagoon Village Council, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation (BBAHC), Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, and the Lake and Peninsula Borough regarding a water shortage in Chignik Lagoon. A BBAHC water systems technician arrived in the community yesterday to assist and additional assistance is anticipated to arrive today.

Denali Borough Flooding

SEOC is in regular contact with the Denali Borough regarding recent road flooding and the Borough’s August 8, 2019 declaration of local disaster. The Borough has taken emergency access restoration actions and is conducting an initial damage assessment.

Napakiak – Erosion and Spill Risk

SEOC is receiving regular updates from the US Coast Guard (USCG) and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation as these agencies assist Napakiak's Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD) with rapid shoreline erosion that is threatening their fuel tank farm.

2019 Fire Season

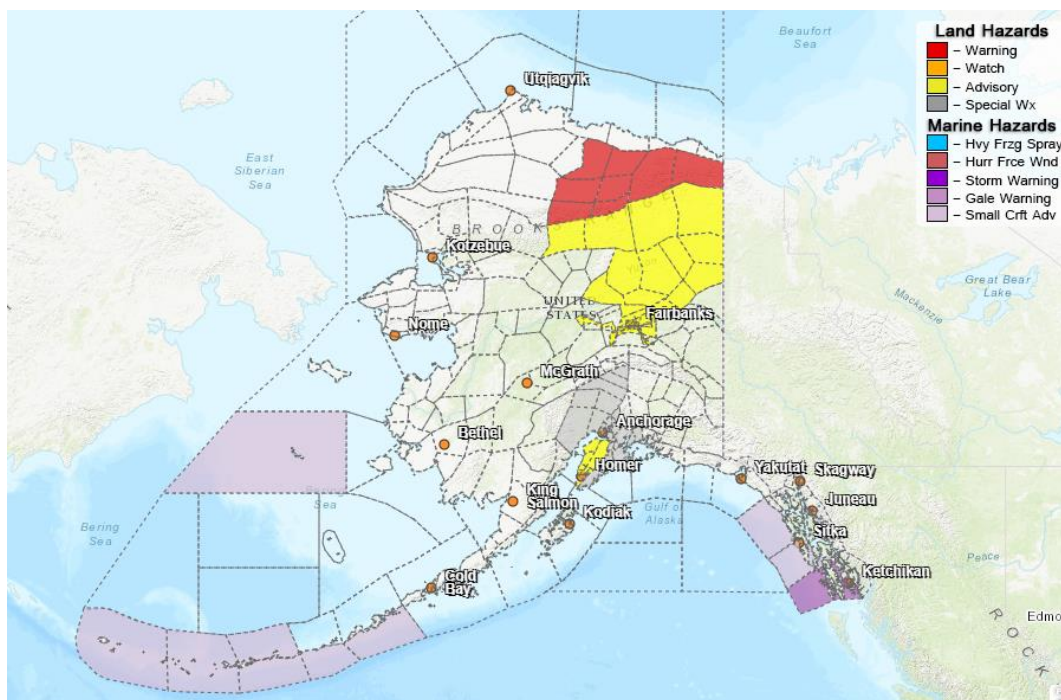
The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, (AICC) is at Preparedness Level 3.

Wildland fire totals for 2019:

- Total Fires = 663
- Total Acres = 2,512,802.5 There are currently 241 active fires with 4 fires currently staffed.

Current fire information is at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov> or <https://akfireinfo.com/>

Significant Weather:



NWS has issued a winter weather advisory in effect until 6:00am Wednesday for the Northeastern Brooks Range, Southeastern Brooks Range, and Yukon Flats. Some areas could see 2-4 inches with the heaviest snowfall above 3,000 ft.

Dense smoke advisory has been issued for the western Kenai Peninsula through this afternoon. The NWS has also issued a special weather statement for areas of smoke in the Anchorage bowl as well as the Matsu Valley.

Special Weather Statements and Flood Advisories have been issued through this afternoon for minor flooding across much of the interior to include the Nenana River, Deltana Flats, the Tanana River and surrounding areas, the Upper Chena River and the Salcha River due to heavy rains last week.

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

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

An Air Quality Advisory has been issued through this afternoon for Southcentral and Southwest Alaska due to wildfire smoke from multiple fires.

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index>

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

The Alaska DHSS website is located at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

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/>

Recent Earthquakes

USGS Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>

National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/>

Travel Alerts and Conditions

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

Alaska Volcanoes

Veniaminof Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

Cleveland Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

Shishaldin Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Orange.

Semisopchnoi Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Orange

For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

Alaska Cyber Security Information

State Employees may sign up for cyber security notifications and alerts at

<https://oit.alaska.gov/Security>

The Next Situation Report: will be **21 August** 2019 at 8:00 am. 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.