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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:

SEOC at Level 2 – Heightened Awareness – Statewide Severe Weather Impacts

Mat-Su and Copper River Wind Storm:

Over the New Year’s Holiday weekend, a windstorm began impacting the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) and Copper River areas. Numerous power outages and subzero temperatures required a response from the MSB, AST, and DOT/PF including Glenn and Parks Hwy closures or Pilot Car operations, “shelter in place” advisories, and opening of warming shelters in Wasilla and Palmer. SEOC activated standby personnel to deploy contingency emergency power generation. Initial reports are wind damage to some residential and commercial structures. At the time of this report (1/3/2022 0815 hrs.) MEA reports over 18,000 without power with an unknown restoration time. Some have been without power for over 24 hrs. or more. Travel remains hazardous and state offices and schools in MSB are closed. The MSB has declared a local disaster emergency. The SEOC is in regular contact with MSB and surrounding communities for response support and to gather initial damage information.

Interior Winter Storm:

On December 28, 2021 SEOC received reports of severe winter storm impacts, road obstructions, and power outages in the Interior area of Alaska including Fairbanks North Star Borough (FBNSB) and surrounding jurisdictions. SEOC remained in regular communications with the impacted communities and participated in Emergency Operations Center briefings. On Friday SEOC deployed an Alaska National Guard Task Force to support the Borough should Borough resources be exhausted and individuals need to be transported from their residences to shelter. As of Friday (12/31), most roads were cleared for primary access and most power was restored. Over the weekend, SEOC worked with the FBNSB Emergency Operations Center and volunteer/non-governmental/faith-based agencies to address individuals with unmet needs. At the time of this

report, Golden Valley Electric is reporting 42 customer electrical outages. SEOC has also worked with the community in and around Delta Junction on road access and food assurance and the community along Cummings Road on road access. SEOC continues to gather information on storm damages and response costs.

Hydaburg – Water Supply Disruption:

On December 30, 2021 the City of Hydaburg declared a local disaster for a community-wide water supply disruption due to frozen water system components. Alaska Department of Environmental, State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), Alaska State Troopers, and Southeast Alaska area non-governmental/volunteer/faith-based agencies provided support and conducted coordination calls with the community. As of 1500 hrs. on January 2, 2022 the community reported 7.5' of potable water in their community water supply tank and ongoing operations to deliver water to the community.

Juneau – Heavy Snow and Avalanches:

SEOC was in contact today with Juneau City and Borough Emergency Management. Thane Road is being cleared of avalanche debris to allow power operations access. Concern exists for heavy snow load on residential structures. SEOC remains in contact with Borough Emergency Management and there are no requests for state assistance at this time.

Buckland and Noorvik – Power Outages:

Following a west coast storm on Tuesday into Wednesday, SEOC was notified of disrupted power in the communities of Buckland and Noorvik. SEOC was in contact with North West Arctic Borough (NWAB) Emergency Management. NWAB reported some power is restored in Buckland and anticipated repair personnel arriving in Noorvik. NWAB continues to be engaged and communicates with SEOC on updates.

West Coast Flight Disruptions:

While some flights have operated, air travel disruptions continue in Bethel and surrounding communities leading to delays in passenger return, mail and supply delivery. SEOC is in regular contact with the National Weather Service, commercial air carriers, and regional tribal organizations regarding this transportation disruption and the resulting dislocated passengers, and supply shortages. SEOC will convene a regional conference call of Mass Care partner agencies to assist with the ongoing response to this West Coast Alaska travel disruption. Nationally, there continues to be ongoing air transportation disruptions due to weather and COVID staff outages.

Live Test of AMBER Alert System - January 5, 2022 1020hrs:

A live test of the Alaska Amber Alert System will be conducted on Wednesday, January 5th at approximately 10:20 AM. The test will be canceled in the event of an actual child abduction AMBER Alert. The AMBER Alert test will be broadcast on radio television through the Emergency Alert System (EAS). Audio on TV and radio will indicate it's a "test", but what viewers see on their television screens may not. The AMBER Alert test will only be sent to cellphones capable and configured to receive test alerts through the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) system. In a real alert, an actual AMBER Alert WEA code would be used. The AMBER Alert test will be sent statewide.

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

A Stage One Alert is in effect for Fairbanks until 2:00 P.M. today.

A Stage 2 Alert is in effect for North Poole until 2:00 P.M. today.

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:

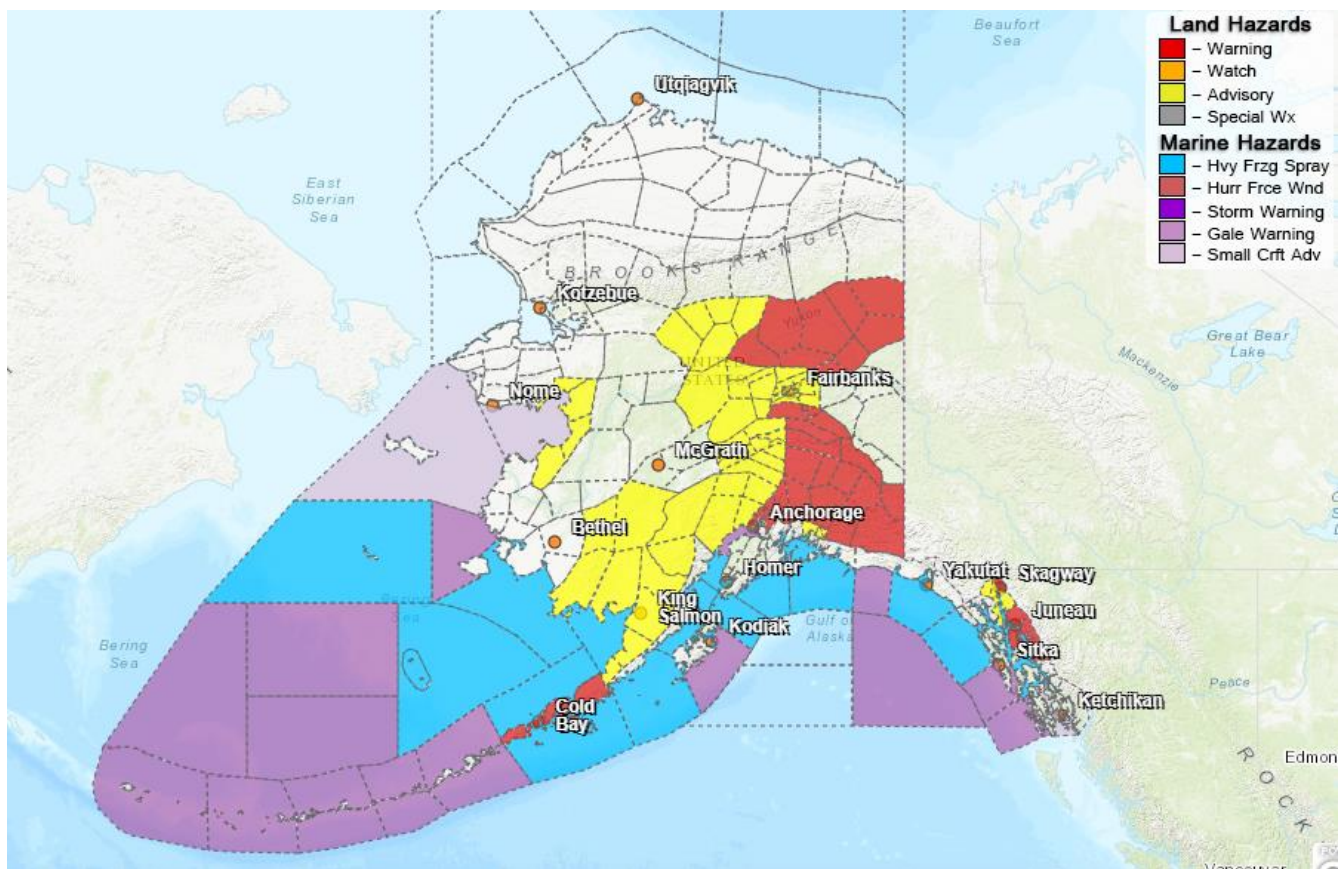
<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/>

Alaska Cyber Security Information

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

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

Significant Weather:



Blizzard Warnings are in effect for the Copper River Basin and the Eastern Alaska Range until 6:00 P.M. tonight.

Wind Chill Advisories are in effect for the following areas:

- Middle Tanana Valley, Eastern Norton Sound and Nulato Hills until 1:00 P.M. today.
- Denali, Thompson Pass and the Copper River Basin until 6:00 P.M. today.
- Lower Kuskokwim Valley until 3:00 A.M. tomorrow.
- Bristol Bay until 11:00 A.M. tomorrow.
- Susitna Valley until noon tomorrow.
- Central Interior, Haines Borough, Upper Koyukuk Valley and the Dalton Highway until 6:00 P.M. tomorrow.

High Wind Warnings are in effect for the following areas:

- Alaska Peninsula until 5:00 P.M. today. 50 to 60 mph with gusts to 80 mph.
- Matanuska Valley until 6:00 P.M. today. 40 to 50 mph with gusts to 80 mph.
- Juneau Borough until 9:00 P.M. today. 35 to 45 mph with gusts to 70mph.
- Taiya Inlet and the Klondike Highway until noon tomorrow. 30 to 45 mph with gusts to 60mph.

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 Considerable and High risk.

There are areas near Valdez, the Richardson Highway and 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 4 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