



# ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are red.)

**Significant Issues:**

SEOC received a phone call from the Alaska Council of School Administrators informing that an email was sent to 17 school districts stating that explosives were placed inside the schools. Contact was made to the FBI, Alaska State Troopers, CISA and AKIAC. FBI notified SEOC that the email set are similar to the other emails that they were tracking nationally and deemed the email as non-credible.

**Wrangell Landside Disaster:**

The Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (JPDA) team from the State of Alaska and FEMA has returned from Wrangell and Prince of Wales Island to validate response costs and damage estimates for repairs from the landslide events in those communities. A brief is scheduled for PDA results to consider the Request for Federal Assistance.

State Individual Assistance application hotline and website is open for Wrangell and Prince of Wales Island residents at <https://www.ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA> or by phone 1(844) 445-7131. The deadline to apply for State Individual Assistance is January 27, 2024.

**Point Hope Power Outage:**

The power generation system failed over the weekend, resulting in a freeze-up of water and sewer lines. SEOC has received a local disaster declaration and coordinating with the North Slope Borough for a detailed assessment and to identify any unmet needs.

**Savoonga Power Outage:**

The SEOC is working with officials to assess damages and ready to support the community with identifying local disaster declaration needs. Red Cross has been in contact, and Kawerak sent residential heating units to affected homes.

**Quinhagak Power Outage:**

Local operators continue to repair the power system, transformers, and utility lines within the Village of Quinhagak. SEOC has been fully engaged with a multiagency response to manage state declared disaster needs.

## **State of Alaska Department of Health (DOH)**

The DOH stands ready to assist with all aspects of public health and, in the event of a public health emergency, is supported by the SEOC and other state departments as required. For current information, see:

<https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/prepared/default.aspx>

## **NTAS Bulletin**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued an updated National Terrorism Advisory Bulletin on May 24, 2023. The current and expired bulletins can be viewed at the below link.

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

## **Travel Alerts and Conditions**

For current driving conditions, dial 511 or visit: <https://511.alaska.gov/>

## **Barry Arm Landslide / Tsunami Risk**

For the latest information on the Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami risk, click here:

<https://dggs.alaska.gov/hazards/barry-arm-landslide.html>

## **Earthquakes**

United States Geological Service (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**

**Shishaldin** Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**

**Trident** Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**

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 Alaska Division of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Spill Prevention and Response page is located at:

<https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/>

## **Alaska Cyber Security Information**

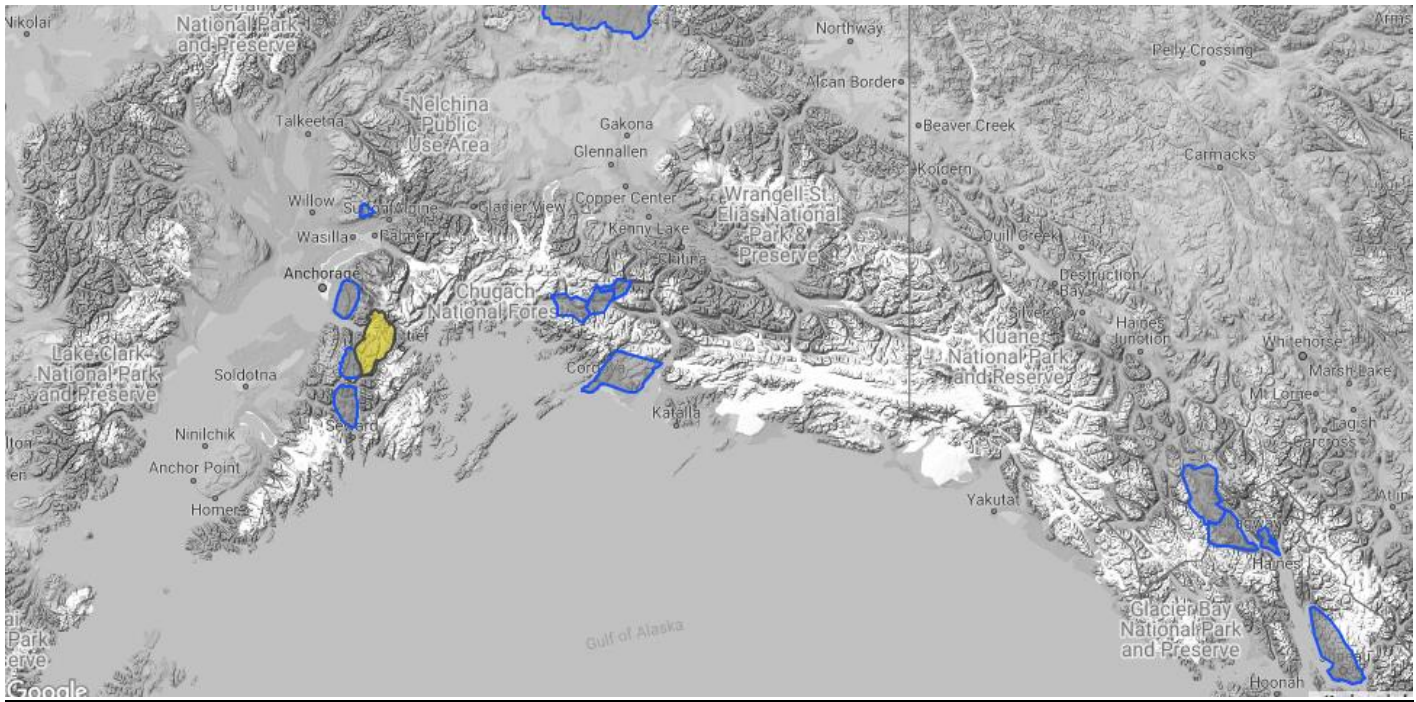
State Employees may sign up for cybersecurity notifications and alerts at

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

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)-Cybersecurity Services and Tools:

[www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools](http://www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools)

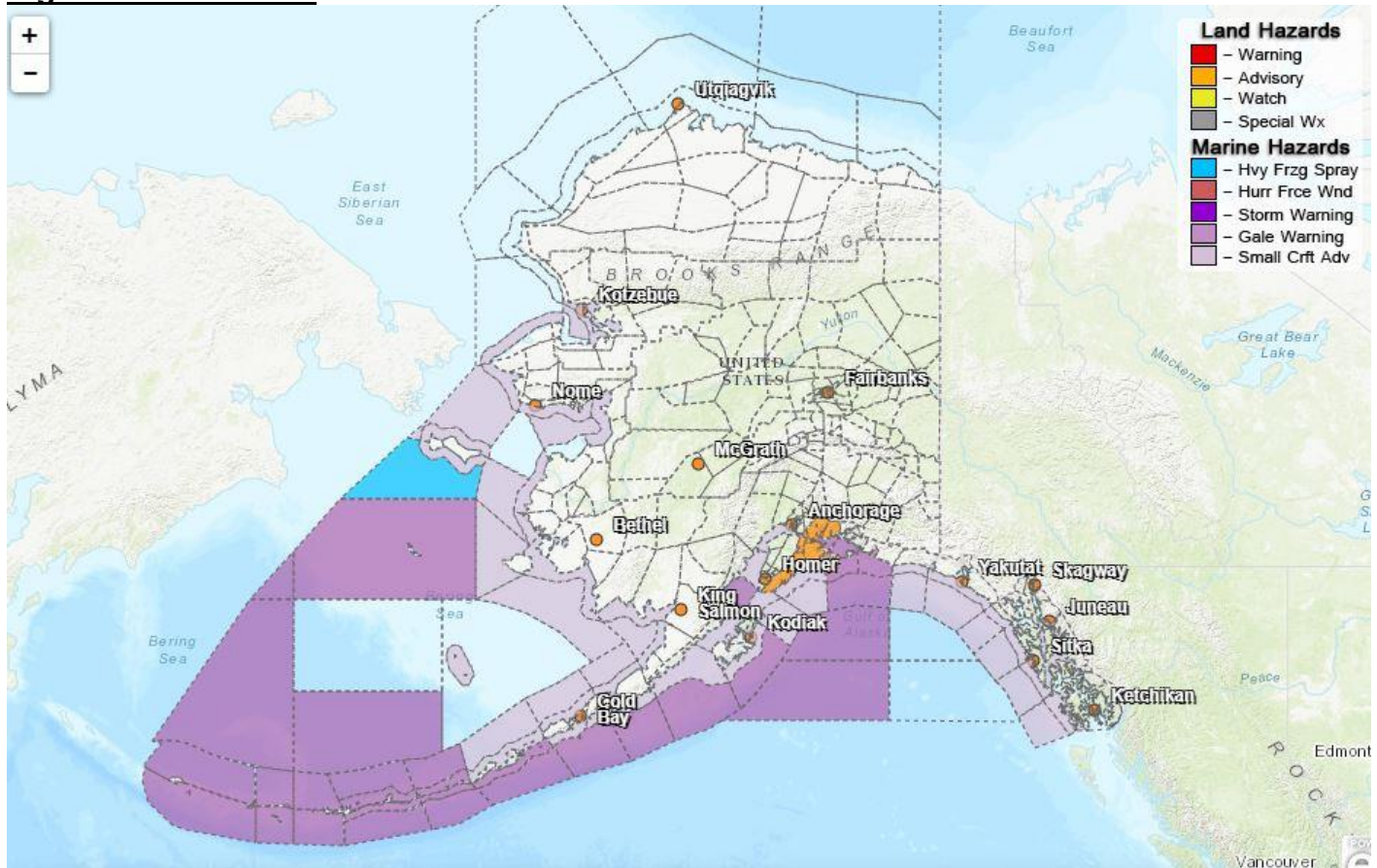
## Avalanche Hazards:



Avalanche danger for Cordova is considerable at altitudes above 2,000ft. Moderate at 1000-2000ft.  
Avalanche danger for Turnagain Pass is considerable at all altitudes.

For more information and the most current avalanche conditions, go to <https://alaskasnow.org>

## Significant Weather:





### **Winter Weather Advisory: East Turnagain Arm, Western Prince William Sound**

- Blowing snow expected until 1 AM Wednesday. Visibility as low as one half mile at times. Total snow accumulations of 7 to 14 inches. Easterly winds gusting as high as 35 mph through Turnagain Arm and 50 mph through Portage Valley.
- The worst conditions will be late this afternoon through the evening hours. Highest snow totals near Portage Valley, with lesser totals going west along Turnagain Arm.
- Falling and blowing snow will significantly reduce visibility.

For more information and the most current weather, Watches / Warnings / Advisories go to:

<https://www.weather.gov/arh/>

**The Next Situation Report** will be **December 20, 2023**. 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](mailto:seoc@alaska.gov)