



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY &
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| <p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u> Level 2 – Heightened Awareness</p> | <p><u>http://ready.alaska.gov</u></p> | <p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u> View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: <u>You can read the new NTAS Bulletin here.</u></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: LEVEL 2 – HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

Barge Alaganik Fire in Whittier

DEC has issued their first situation report (SITREP 1) for this incident. The SITREP states an explosion occurred on or near the barge Alaganik resulting in a fire at the pier. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The barge sank in 60 – 80 feet of water. The Primary Responsible Party (PRP) estimates there was 1000 gallons of gasoline, 2800 gallons of diesel, and other petroleum on board at the time of the explosion. The US Coast Guard and DEC are working with the PRP and the City of Whittier. The PRP has contracted Chadux Corporation and Global Diving and Salvage for spill response and salvage operations. Wednesdays plans are for diving operations to begin to assess the condition of the barge and determine the remaining threat of pollution.

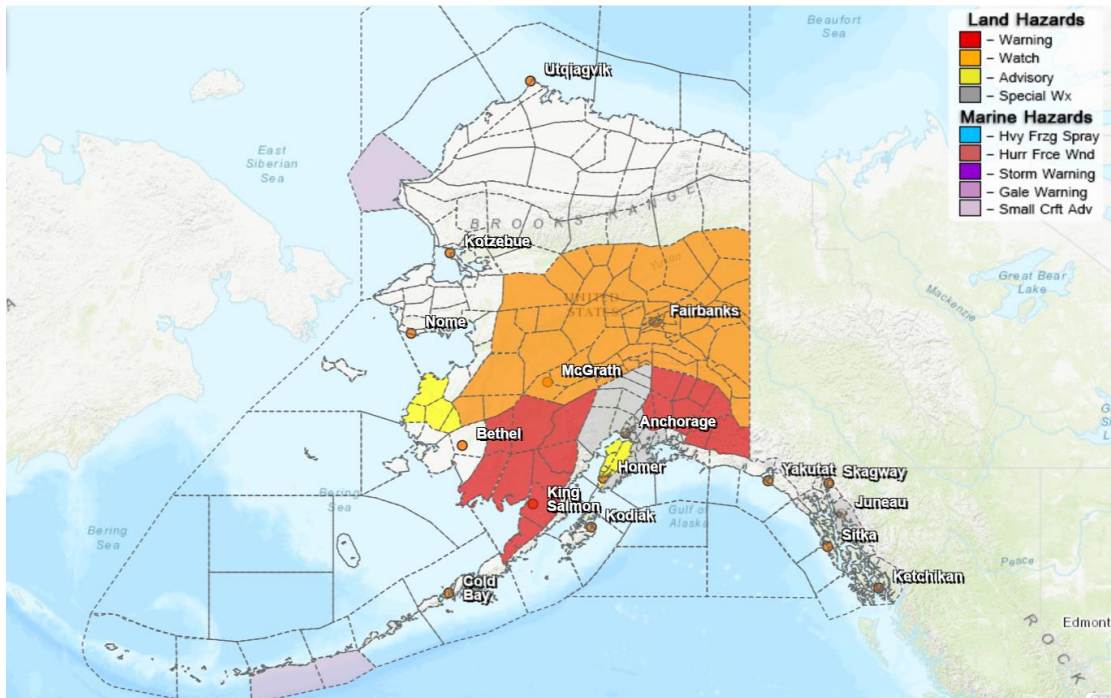
Statewide Fires:

The SEOC remains activated at Level 2 – Heightened Awareness due to the statewide wildfire situation. Warm weather continues. The SEOC is monitoring fire activity statewide for support requests from Fire Incident Commands and local communities impacted by fire. The SEOC continues to coordinate deployments of AKNG helicopters and personnel, mobile communication equipment, the Mobile Emergency Operations Center in support of Alaska Division of Forestry and local communities. Two AKNG UH60 helicopters were requested by DOF for a fire in the Iliamna/McGrath area Tuesday.

Significant Weather

Very poor fire weather conditions across much of the state. There is a red flag warning for lightning for the Copper River Basin through Thursday evening. A fire weather watch for dry lightning and dense smoke throughout much of central Alaska through tomorrow noon. Dense smoke advisories and red flag Warnings and Advisories are in place across much of Interior Alaska, Southcentral Alaska, and the Yukon Delta. A special weather statement is issued for elevated water levels on rivers and streams across Southcentral Alaska from Denali south to the Kenai Peninsula. There is also a special weather statement outlining elevated concerns of

Suicide Basin glacial dam release that could cause moderate flood levels in the Mendenhall Lake and River. Finally, there is minor flooding levels on the Kenai River at Kenai Keys near Sterling.



Because there are significant regions throughout the state with Fire Red Flag Warnings, Watches and Advisories. Please check your area for the most current conditions at the website below.

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

2019 Fire Season

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, (AICC) is at Preparedness **Level 5**.

Wildland fire totals for 2019:

- Total Fires = **399**
- Total Acres = **1,288,721.2**

There are currently **126** active fires with **22** fires currently staffed.

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

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

Active advisories/episodes are in effect for Central and Eastern Interior, Southcentral, Southeast, Southwest and Aleutians.

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

Cleveland Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

Great Sitkin Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

Semisopchnoi Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

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 11 July 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.