

ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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SEOC Preparedness Level Level 2 – Heightened Awareness	http://ready.alaska.gov	National Terrorism Advisory System: View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: You can read the new NTAS Bulletin here.
Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	WHO Post Pandemic: Disease activity at seasonal levels.	Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level: FPCON Bravo

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

THREAT LEVEL CHANGES: LEVEL 2 – HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

Frozen Calf Wildfire

The SEOC received a call from BLM this afternoon regarding contingency planning for the Frozen Calf Wildfire burning near Chalkyitzik. BLM believes that in 2 to 4 days, the community of Chalkyitsik, a Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) village located approximately 45 miles east of Fort Yukon, may be threatened by the fire. BLM is bringing in a Type II Incident Management Team to handle the fire. The SEOC is monitoring this situation closely and has contacted both TCC and DHSS to discuss what measures may be taken should the fire threaten the village.

Barge Alaganik Fire in Whittier

The US Coast Guard reports there is a 200-foot by 200-foot boom in place around the sunken fishing tender ALAGANIK. Global Diving and Salvage commenced a dive assessment to include pictures and video. If signs of pollution found, the fuel tank will be steamed to remove any remaining product

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.

Significant Weather

Very poor fire weather conditions continue across much of the state. There is a red flag warning for lightning across the southern half of the state through this evening. This area overlaps with a dense smoke advisory especially in the western and southern areas. 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 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 = 422
- Total Acres = 1,319,372.2

There are currently 144 active fires with 23 fires currently staffed.

Current fire information is at https://akfireinfo.com/

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

Active advisories/episodes are in effect for Central and Eastern Interior, Southcentral, Western Interior.

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 Semisopochnoi 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

<u>The Next Situation Report:</u> will be 12July 2019 at 8:00 am. A significant change in the situation or the threat level will prompt an interim report.

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