



State Emergency Operations Center

2022 September Winter Storm

Incident Situation Report

Date: September 30, 2022, Time: 1600 hrs.

SEOC Preparedness Level 3



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Incident Overview

Timeline of Significant Events:

17 September 2022, Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a disaster declaration for the 2022 September storm currently impacting the west coast of Alaska.

21 September 2022, Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration from President Biden.

23 September 2022, the request for a Federal Disaster Declaration was approved and Alaska Severe Storm, Flooding, and Landslides (DR-4672-AK) was approved.

Significant Operations

SEOC is actively engaged with multiple federal, state, non-profit, volunteer, faith-based, private-sector, tribal, and native corporations in support of local community incident commands responding to the Typhoon Merbok storm impacts.

Following the federal disaster declaration, additional FEMA resources have been officially added to the response efforts.

Individual and Public Assistance applications for FEMA and the state have opened and are available to individuals and businesses in the affected region. Online and telephonic registrations are now open. **Telephonic registration can be reached at 1-844-445-7137 and online registration can be found at, ready.alaska.gov/storm. FEMA telephonic registration is 800-621-3362 or disasterassistance.gov. Survivors in the declared disaster area with needs should apply to both programs to maximize potential assistance.**

Overall Response Operations:

Personnel from the Alaska Air and Army National Guard, Alaska State Defense Force, and Alaska Naval Militia Alaska (all of which constitute Alaska Organized Militia (AKOM)) are on orders for disaster response and have responded by military aircraft to hub communities and then to local communities to assist with materials for immediate emergency temporary residential repair and storm debris cleanup. Efforts also included clearing public areas and assisting private residences as needed. AKOM is reducing staffing to appropriate levels in both Branches as missions are accomplished. See the picture below for detailed information AKOM response efforts.

AKOM Response Efforts



Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is working on reports of local contaminant spills and water/wastewater issues in Branch I and II. DEC is evaluating community water systems in the storm impact area and is publishing boil water notices as appropriate.

United States Coast Guard (USCG) The USCG has demobilized its Incident Management Team and SEOC liaison and is resuming normal operations. The USCG continues to support incident response via the Air Operations Branch in coordination with FEMA.

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Crews are assessing roads across the impacted area and are continuing drone surveys in several communities. Crews are also assisting local jurisdictions with repairs as possible. Maintenance & Operations is continuing the repair work on the Nome-Council roadway. DOT&PF is providing contractors and contract project management for disaster emergency residential shelter-in-place repairs and supporting local community response with DOT&PF equipment and operators.

Branches I and II:

The SEOC deployed Branch Directors to Branch I (Bethel) and Branch II (Nome) today (9/30) to coordinate State, FEMA, and SBA Individual Assistance applications, AKOM response missions, and Mass Care support. Native Corporations, regional tribal organizations, volunteer groups, and contracted commercial entities are organizing emergency shelter building materials shipments and mobilizing installation personnel to the impacted communities.

****Data current as of 0700 AKDT 09/30/2022****

Individual Assistance (IA) Applications	
Hotline Applications	21
Web Applications	53

****Data current as of 1200 AKDT 09/30/2022****

Mass Care Housing Assessment						
Aggregated from Red Cross, Community Report, AKOM Observations, and Non-Profit reports.						
Branch	Inspected	Destroyed	Major	Minor	Affected	Total Impacted
I	0	4	90	0	0	94
II	88	11	31	9	16	67

Branch III:

The SEOC has been in contact with the Northwest Arctic Borough's incident management team as well as the communities of Kivalina, Deering, and Wainwright. There are no reports of damage at this time and the SEOC continues to standby to support the region as needed.

Branch IV: (Other Statewide)

The SEOC continues to monitor State-wide threats and hazards.

- 9/29: Small rockslide in Skagway at Mile 3 Dyea Road. DOT responding to remove large rocks.
- 9/30-10/1: Haines, Juneau, and Skagway - heavy winds and rains could result in flooded rivers, streams, and other flood-prone locations.

SEOC Operations Brief

Dial in with your phone: 1-800-315-6338, access code 71000#

Please email the 2022 September West Coast Storm conference at
storm@ready.alaska.gov

Lifeline Status



Alaska Overall



Impacted Area



Food, Water, and Shelter



Water

Branch II:

- **Unalakleet:** BIA is projecting to deliver 15 pallets of water every 2 weeks to the community starting 10/3.
- **Nunam Iqua:** Community reports that their water system is unable to pump due to salt contamination. The reservoir has dropped, and the community has requested additional drinking water assistance. BIA sent a pallet of water via Ryan Air on 9/29.
- **DEC:** has issued [Boil Water Notices](#) due to the storm for the following communities, Elim and Koyuk.



Shelter

Branch I:

- **Hooper Bay:** 11 sheltered at community-run shelters overnight. Red Cross has sent 8 pallets of insulation. Pallets are currently in Bethel.

Branch II:

- **Golovin:** The barge containing building materials is offshore approximately 150' and is expected to arrive 9/30.

Health & Medical



Public Health

Branch I:

- **Tununak:** Due to increasing COVID-19 cases in the community, a temporary restriction on travelers has been implemented. All travelers are subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

Transportation



Roadways

Branch II:

- **Nome:** DOT M&O crew continued work on MP 1.5-2.2 on the Council Highway repairing the North shoulder and resurfacing a section by MP 2. The excavator started cleaning up asphalt and debris on Front Street. Currently, the highway is closed at ~MP 21.3, just beyond the Safety Roadhouse. Knik paving crew is scheduled to arrive this weekend.

Hazmat



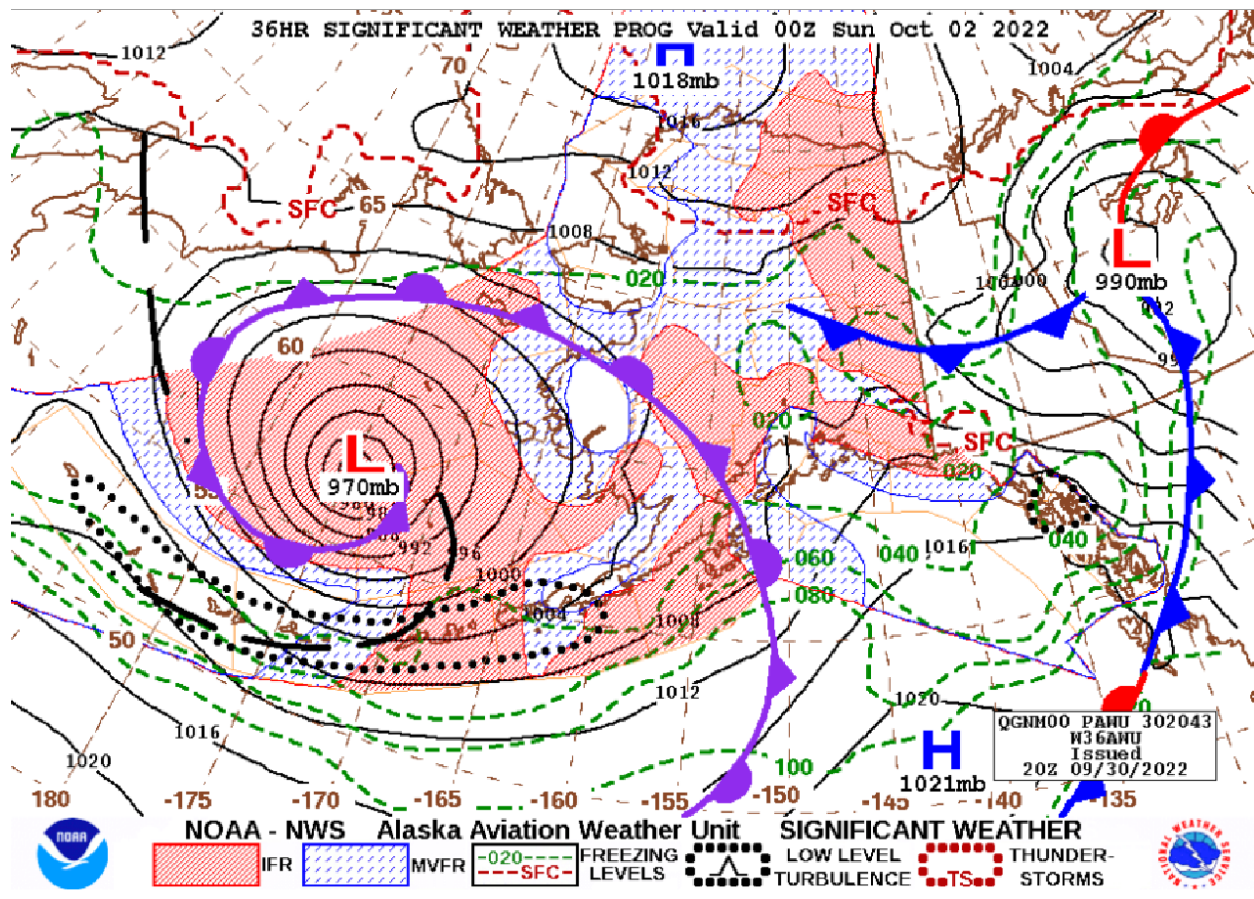
Facilities

Branch II:

- **Golovin:** The landfill is requesting hard boom for leachate management as a preventative measure.

Expected flying weather category/conditions for Saturday, 10/01/22:

- Westerly flow will allow VFR flying weather (ceilings greater than 3000 feet) to prevail from the Seward Peninsula up through the NW coast
- There is expected to be pockets of MVFR (ceilings between 1000ft and 3000ft) to VFR over the Y-K Delta region behind the front that moves further inland. IFR conditions (ceilings below 1000ft) could exist along the front that moves through the southwest.
- Lastly, some isolated moderate icing could potentially stick around in the Norton Sound region most of the day on Saturday



Helpful Links

Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) Storm Dashboard

<https://ready.alaska.gov/storm>

Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM)

<http://ready.alaska.gov/>

National Weather Service: Alaska Forecast Center

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

Abbreviations List

AML	Alaska Municipal League
AVCP	Association of Village Council Presidents
AVEC	Alaska Village Electric Co-Op
BCSF	Bethel Community Services Foundation
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BWN	Boil Water Notice
CVRF	Coastal Villages Region Fund
DEC	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
DGGS	Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys
DOT	Department of Transportation
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
IFR	Instrument Flight Rules
JTF	Joint Task Force
MVFR	Marginal Visual Flight Rules
NSHC	Norton Sound Health Corporation
NWS	National Weather Service
SEOC	State Emergency Operations Center
SPAR	Spill Prevention and Recovery
UIC	Ukpeaġvik Iñupiat Corporation
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USCG	United States Coast Guard
VFR	Visual Flight Rules
VOAD	Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster
YKHC	Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation