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

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

Significant Issues:

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

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is activated in a hybrid virtual/in-person Incident Command structure to manage the current state declared disaster responses and other incidents arising statewide from ongoing severe weather. Incident Command will publish an incident specific situation report later today.

Southeast – Heavy Snow, Avalanches

The Health Director for the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe contacted SEOC yesterday with a report of heavy snow transitioning to rainfall causing roof and water damage to the clinic and several other buildings. The community has contracted for snow removal but heavy, continuous snow, along with ice have challenged this effort and the community has concerns with snow loading at the elementary school, power plant, high school, and water storage tanks. In addition, many private residents and businesses report heavy, wet snow-loading on roofs. The Tribe is working with the City and Borough of Yakutat and SEOC to coordinate response and seek additional resources. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities reports the Yakutat airport remains open.

Other communities in Southeast continue to respond to severe weather and there are numerous school, business, government facility, and road closures reported as much of the area is forecast to transition to ice and rain on top of previous heavy snows.

Mat-Su and Copper River Wind Storm

SEOC continues to implement the state disaster recovery programs pursuant to Governor Dunleavy’s declaration of disaster on January 3, 2022. Disaster Individual Assistance registration is ongoing for residential and rental property owners with damages in the declared area. Private insurance response for disaster recovery is ongoing. SEOC will demobilize the Alaska National Guard servicemembers

deployed to assist the Mat-Su Borough Emergency Operations today as the Borough transitions to recovery operations including damage assessment, cost recovery documentation, and individual Mass Care case management.

Interior Winter Storm

SEOC continues to implement the state disaster recovery programs pursuant to Governor Dunleavy's declaration of disaster on January 3, 2022 in the Fairbanks North Star and Denali Boroughs, and Delta Junction areas included in the declaration. Individual Assistance registration and collection of damage information is ongoing. SEOC continues to work with jurisdictions, partners and volunteer agencies, to assist in individual cases of persons isolated by heavy snow and limited road access.

Angoon – Water Supply Disruption:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) made direct contact with the Mayor of Angoon and, in coordination with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), have identified electrical issues affecting the water infrastructure in the community. ANTHC and DEC continue to provide technical assistance and may deploy personnel to the community to assist.

Covid-19 Surge

With the rapid escalation of COVID cases in the state, SEOC continues to support the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) COVID response. As an agency representative to DHSS, SEOC is actively monitoring hospital staffing shortages and community outbreaks. SEOC continues to support DHSS with Alaska National Guard and Federal Emergency Management Agency resources.

Fuel Shortages

After coordination with the Alaska Energy Authority and State Division of Community and Regional Affairs, SEOC has no current reports of communities facing emergency fuel shortages.

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

The USGS recorded a M6.7 EQ 55 miles southeast of Nikoliski. The SEOC contacted communities in the area and has received no reports of any damages or issues related to the event.

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

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:

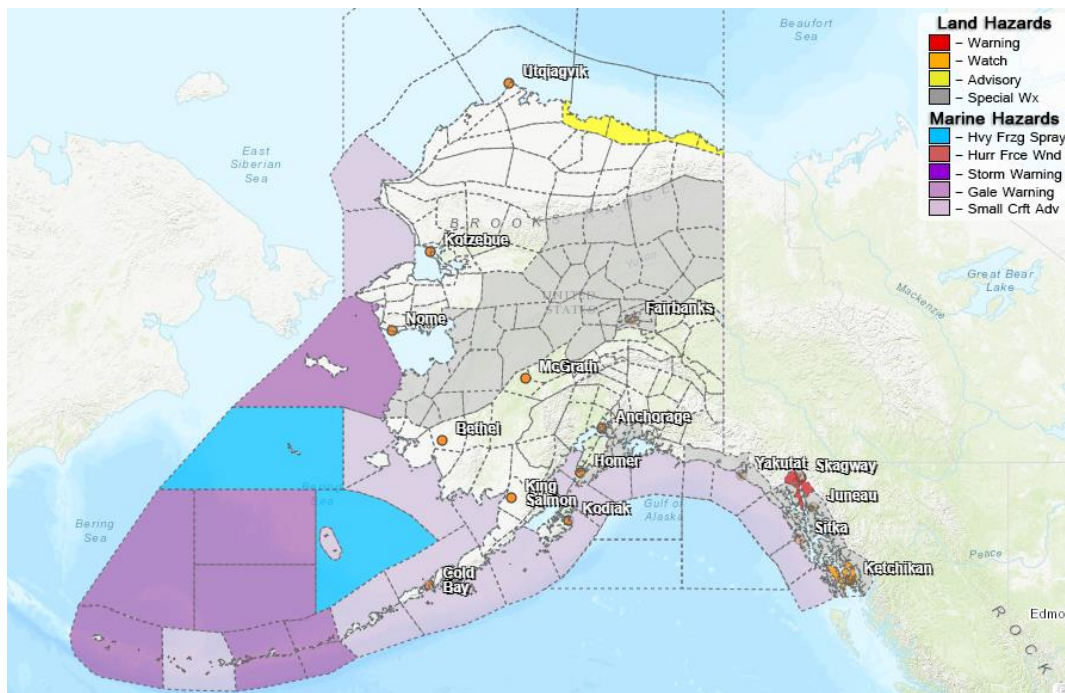
<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/>

Alaska Cyber Security Information

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

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

Significant Weather:



A Winter Storm Warning remains in effect until noon today for Haines

A Flood Watch remains in effect until 3:00 P.M. today for Ketchikan and Metlakatla. Localized flooding is possible in areas with poor drainage.

A Wind Chill Advisory is in effect until 3:00 P.M. tomorrow for the Central and Eastern Beaufort Sea Coasts. Wind chills of up to 55° below zero are possible.

Special Weather Statements have been issued for the following areas:

Anchorage – Freezing rain and sleet are expected this morning in the Anchorage Bowl and along the Glenn and Seward Highways.

West Coast and Western Interior – Light snow is expected across the region beginning this evening. Localized amounts of 4 to 6 inches are possible near Ruby, Galena, Kaltag, Anvik and Unalakleet through Thursday morning.

Central Interior – Light snow is expected across the interior today and tomorrow. 1 to 2 inches of accumulation is possible with higher amounts north of Fort Yukon.

Alaska Panhandle – Rain and warmer temperatures are expected to continue through this week. Nuisance flooding is possible due to the snowmelt and rain.

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 high risk, near Valdez and the Richardson Highway with moderate risk, and near 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 12 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