

**State Emergency Operations Center** 

# 2023 Spring Floods Incident Situation Report

Date: June 5, 2023, Time: 1600 hrs.

Note: The next Sitrep will be published Friday, June 9th

SEOC Preparedness Level 3



Stranded candle-ice on the Colville near Umiat

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## State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activated to Level 3

### **Incident Overview**

On May 13, 2023, Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a state disaster emergency for the Alaska Gateway, Yukon Flats, Kuspuk, and Copper River Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAA) due to flooding.

On May 22, Governor Dunleavy added the Northwest Arctic Borough, the City of Galena, the Iditarod REAA, Lower Kuskokwim REAA, and Lower Yukon REAA to the declared disaster areas.

On May 24, State opened registrations for Individual Assistance. Applicants can register at <a href="https://ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA">https://ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA</a>

## **Significant Operations Updates**

Currently there are no flood warnings, but with snowmelt runoff, high water is anticipated for several weeks in multiple communities. A Flood Advisory is in place for the Copper River Basin. Active flood response is ongoing based upon community needs while transitioning to disaster recovery.

The following communities are being actively reported:

**Alakanuk:** Boil water notice in effect. Sewer is not working for 50 homes. Repairs to both water and sewer systems are in progress. Two homes were flooded, and Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) is providing basic cleaning kits. Red Cross planning an assistance mission.

**Circle:** Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) contractor recovered 300 gallons of diesel. US Post Office personnel deployed to the community to clean and repair post office. SEOC Recovery Branch will deploy a Disaster Assistance Center on Tuesday June 6 for State Individual Assistance registration and Public Assistance information.

**Crooked Creek:** SEOC has a Volunteer Agency Liaison and Individual Assistance expert in the community to serve as Crooked Creek Taskforce Leader. He is meeting with the community council regularly and coordinating multiple issues with Association of Village Council Presidents flood damaged housing, State Individual Assistance, volunteer services, and working towards transition of the community from response to recovery. School will restart next week to make up days missed during flooding. SEOC tents for are being used for survivor and responder lodging, as well as incident command post. Shelter operations have returned to local responsibility. Community food supply continues to be challenged until the normal community store can fully restore services. ADEC will be visiting this week.

**Galena**: High water table produced water on some roads and areas inside the berm. ADEC is providing consultation on historical contamination concerns.

Fort Yukon: Red Cross planning an assistance mission.

**Huslia**: SEOC received a report of coastal road damage, sewage tank loss, and legacy fuel line exposure due high-water erosion. SEOC contacted the community and will continue follow up for further damage assessment. SEOC also engaged ADEC for the fuel line and sewage tank concerns.

Kwethluk: ADEC will provide assistance on pipe with oil contamination concerns near school. 8-10 homes are reported damaged, ranging from fully flooded to foundational issues. Red Cross is planning an assistance mission. SEOC is deploying the Alaska Organized Militia (AKOM) on a mission to assist the community. Russian Mission: The airport is open with some restrictions and a NOTAM (Notice to Air Missions) is in place. Community reports 9 residences damaged, with the displaced staying with local families. Red Cross is planning an assistance mission. ADEC will be visiting this week.

# **SEOC Operations Brief**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 0800 via Zoom. Contact SEOC for Zoom link.

Please email the 2023 Spring Floods conference at

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# **Lifeline Status**

















**Alaska Overall** 

**Impacted Areas** 

















## Food, Water, and Shelter



**Shelter** 

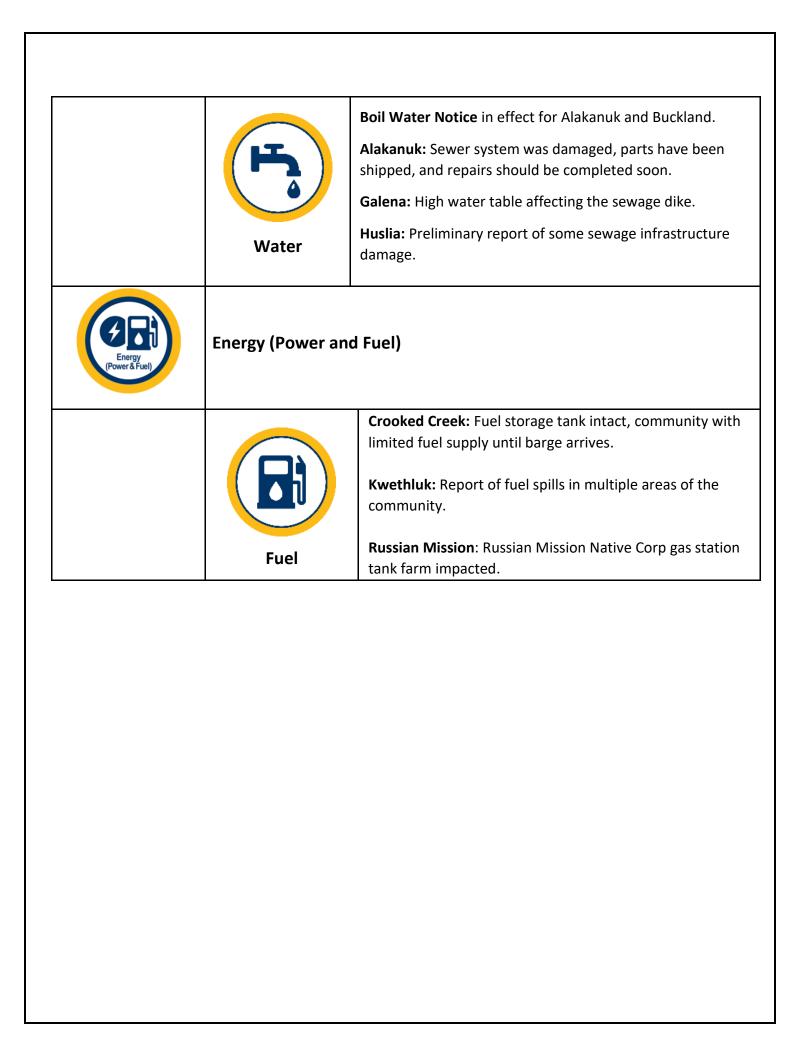
**Alakanuk:** Two homes flooded. YKHC sending basic flooding cleaning materials.

**Circle:** Several homes are unsafe to enter.

**Crooked Creek:** SEOC Taskforce Leader in the community to coordinate Mass Care and Individual Assistance.

**Fort Yukon:** Some sheltering still in place. 10 homes with flood damage.

**Kwethluk:** 8-10 homes damaged. 2 survivors sheltering with family in the community.



#### Data current as of 1400 AKDT 06/05/2023

State Individual Assistance (IA) Applications				
Hotline Applications	36			
Web Applications	67			
In-Person Applications	12			
Total	115			

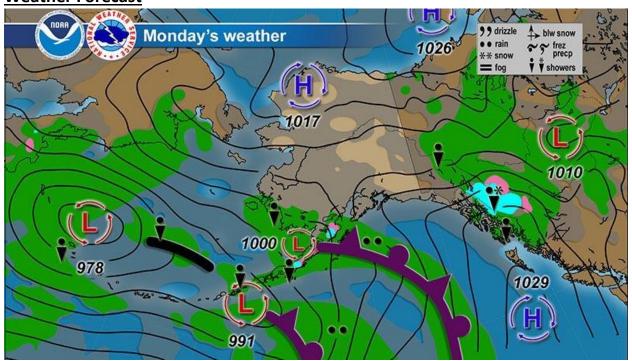
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## **Mass Care Housing Assessment**

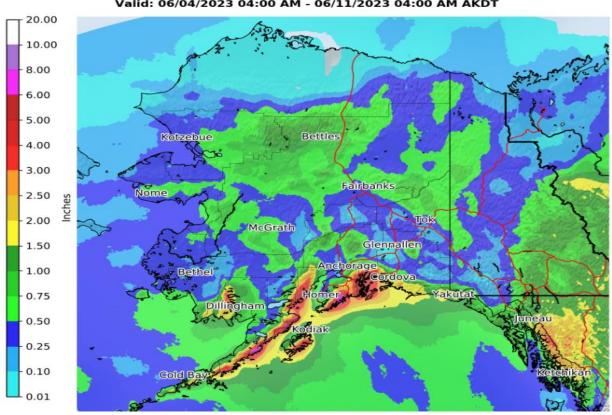
Aggregated from Red Cross, Community Report, AKOM (Alaska Organized Militia) Observations, and Non-Profit reports.

	Destroyed	Major	Minor	Affected	Total Impacted
All Areas	11	18	12	4	45

## **Weather Forecast**



7 Day Accumulated Precipitation Forecast Valid: 06/04/2023 04:00 AM - 06/11/2023 04:00 AM AKDT



**Helpful Links** 

Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) http://ready.alaska.gov/ National Weather Service: Alaska Forecast Center https://www.weather.gov/alaska/ Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center: River Breakup Map https://www.weather.gov/aprfc/ Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) http://ready.alaska.gov/