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SEOC Update: 2025 October West Coast Storm – Situation Update

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska — The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) remains at Level 4 – Major Incident Response, Alaska's highest level of activation, coordinating the state response and recovery to impacts from devastating west coast storms including Typhoon Halong. A Request for Federal Assistance has been submitted to President Trump for consideration.

Sheltering operations are continuing in Bethel, Anchorage, and other communities. SEOC continues to deploy personnel and supplies to impacted communities for emergency home and infrastructure repair.

Senator Dan Sullivan visited the Alaska Airlines Center at UAA yesterday, visiting survivors and volunteers supporting them. The Senator also visited the SEOC, Alaska National Guard, and U.S. Coast Guard headquarters located on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

Senator Lisa Murkowski visited Kipnuk on Friday. She returned to Bethel with two dogs for delivery to Bethel Friends of Canines for further care.

As of yesterday, the Alaska National Guard airlifted 633 survivors from Bethel to Anchorage. Large scale evacuations are complete; additional small-scale evacuations will occur as needed.

With support from the Bethel Friends of Canines, Anchorage Animal Care and Control, Mat-Su Animal Shelter, and Alaska State Veterinarian some survivor pets are transferring to Anchorage from the shelter in Bethel, with reunification with owners ongoing.

Those wishing to assist are encouraged to make cash donations, which provide the greatest flexibility to meet survivor needs. Contributions can be made through the Alaska Community Foundation's Western Alaska Disaster Relief Fund at https://alaskacf.org

SEOC is deploying Individual Assistance registration support personnel to the shelters in Anchorage and Bethel.

As of yesterday, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) has received 532 applications for Individual Assistance (IA).

Survivors in designated disaster areas may register for the State of Alaska's Individual Assistance program:

Online: https://ready.alaska.gov/ia

• By phone: 1-844-445-7131

The program provides financial assistance for damages to primary residences, vehicles, essential personal property, and medical, funeral, or dental needs directly resulting from the declared disaster.

Northwest Arctic Borough (NWAB)

Kotzebue: Village Public Safety Officers are assisting in disaster response operations. No one was sheltered overnight. AKOM plans to do emergency repairs on 10 additional homes, while surplus AKOM servicemembers are being redeployed to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta disaster response branch.

Seward Peninsula

No survivors were sheltered overnight. DOT&PF is working to make interim repairs of state-owned infrastructure.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

Bethel: There were no evacuees remaining sheltered at the Bethel Armory overnight. SEOC personnel are traveling to the surrounding communities and assisting with damage assessment and pet evacuations.

Kipnuk: An estimated 90% of structures within the community have been destroyed. The Tribal Council has issued an evacuation notice for residents of the community to allow for rapid deployment of responders for disaster response and infrastructure repair.

Kwigillingok: Two people remain missing. A load of gravel arrived by barge yesterday, allowing the runway to be resurfaced. Housing debris is piled up against the gas station, preventing access to fuel. Generators and fuel are being delivered.

Nightmute: The Alaska National Guard evacuated 16 residents yesterday to Bethel.

Tuntutuliak: In response to the community's critical fuel shortage, four 55-gallon fuel drums are being delivered.

Napakiak: The DEC SPARR team and U.S. Coast Guard will be deploying to the community after Quinhagak, for spill response, fuel tank repositioning, and heater repairs.

Quinhagak: There are eight residents evacuating to Bethel and Anchorage today. A two-man DEC SPARR team is travelling to the community today with the U.S. Coast Guard.

Interagency Partner Operations

Alaska National Guard (AKNG): AKNG has 126 members activated on State Active Duty with additional authorized as needed for disaster response. The final C-17 evacuation flight from Bethel to Anchorage is occurring today, bringing supplies to Bethel before returning with evacuees and pets. Future smaller scale evacuations will continue as needed.

American Red Cross: Last night, the Red Cross sheltered 168 individuals at the Egan Center and 75 at the Alaska Airlines Center.

Anchorage School District (ASD): More than 25 displaced students have been enrolled and will begin attending classes on Monday. Bus service from shelters to municipal recreation centers for showers and cultural activities continued today. Additional service between shelters will be available for traditional food being served at the Egan Center this afternoon.

Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP): AVCP staff are preparing to deploy to Anchorage shelters on Monday to assist evacuees with obtaining replacement Tribal identification cards. The organization is also coordinating with YKHC to support home repairs and debris removal efforts in affected YK Delta communities.

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