

# ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT 24-297 • October 23, 2024



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

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are red.)

#### Significant Issues:

#### **SEOC Preparedness Level:**

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) remains at Preparedness Level 2 - *Heightened Awareness* – coordinating a multiagency response to the West Coast Storm that has impacted Alaska over the last few days with storm surge and heavy rain, snow, and wind.

#### **West Coast Storm:**

Yesterday (October 22) the City of Kotzebue and the Northwest Arctic Borough declared a disaster for impacts to the storm. Kotzebue reported flood damage to residential structures and infrastructure including the airport and water systems. As of last night (October 22) Kotzebue had evacuated three residences and was sheltering approximately 38 persons.

In response, yesterday (October 22) Governor Dunleavy declared a disaster for Kotzebue and the areas impacted by the West Coast Storm.

SEOC is deploying a Division Supervisor to Kotzebue to coordinate the state response there and is actively coordinating a multiagency state-level response including the State of Alaska's Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Alaska Council of Village Presidents, Kawerak, Maniilaq, American Red Cross of Alaska, Salvation Army Alaska Division, United States Coast Guard, Alaska National Guard, Calista Corporation and other statewide and regional organizations.

While SEOC has not received any reports of injuries of fatalities from the storm, SEOC has also received preliminary reports of some storm damage in Gambell, Shaktoolik, Nome, Fairbanks, Unalakleet, St. Michaels, Teller, Diomede, and Shismaref. As the storm diminishes today, SEOC continue communicating with communities in the storm's path to assess further impacts.

### **Department of Health (DOH):**

For current information, see: https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Pages/default.aspx https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/prepared/default.aspx

#### **NTAS Bulletin:**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued an updated National Terrorism Advisory Bulletin on May 24, 2023. The current and expired bulletins can be viewed at the below link. https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system

#### **Travel Alerts and Conditions:**

For current driving conditions, dial 511 or visit: https://511.alaska.gov/

#### Barry Arm Landslide / Tsunami Risk:

For the latest information on the Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami risk, click here: https://dqgs.alaska.gov/hazards/barry-arm-landslide.html

#### Earthquakes:

United States Geological Service (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 Mt. Spurr** Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow** 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 Alaska Division of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Spill Prevention and Response page is located at: https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/

#### **Alaska Cyber Security Information:**

State Employees may sign up for cybersecurity notifications and alerts at: https://oit.alaska.gov/security

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)-Cybersecurity Services and Tools: www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tool

**Significant Weather:** Land Hazards Warning Advisory **Ulqlagyil**k - Watch Special Wx Marine Hazards Hvy Frzg Spray Hurr Frce Wnd Storm Warning Gale Warning Small Crft Adv Kotzebue Great Bear Lake जीवाविकारिक Median Androme Vernian Standay King Salmon Kodiak Juneau dico Keelikan Edmont

## Winter Weather Advisory:

• Eastern Beaufort Sea Coast-in effect from 4am Thursday to 7am Friday.

## **High Surf Advisory:**

Central Beaufort Sea Coast, Eastern Beaufort Sea Coast-remain in effect until 10pm this
evening.

# **High Wind Watch:**

• Prince of Wales Island-in effect from Friday through Saturday.

# Winter Storm Warning:

• Central Brooks Range-in effect until 4pm this afternoon.

For more information and the most current Weather, Watches/Warning/Advisories go to: https://www.weather.gov/arh/

**The Next Situation Report** will be on October 24, 2024. An interim report will be prompted by a significant change in the situation or the threat level. This report is posted on the internet at <a href="https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep">https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep</a>.

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