



State Emergency Operations Center
2013 Spring Floods, AK DHSEM 13-F004
Date: June 6, 2013 Time: 1730 hrs
SEOC Preparedness Level 3



Emmonak, AK 6.6.13

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Incident Overview

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activated to Level 3

- I. The SEOC is activated to level 3, actual event, for 2013 Spring Flooding Operations.
- II. The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) will open the State Individual Disaster Assistance Hotline (1-855-445-7131) and Online Registration (<http://ready.alaska.gov/recovery/IA>) on June 10, 2013 to take applications for the State's Individual Assistance Program. **The hotline and online registration will not be available until June 10th 2013.**
- III. On May 31st the Governor declared a disaster for the following Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAA): Alaska Gateway, Yukon Flats, Yukon-Koyukuk and Copper River.

Note: The SEOC is fully staffed through the week. A duty officer will also be available at 1-800-478-2337.

Recovery Efforts:

- The SEOC Flood Recovery Branch is currently conducting recovery operations for various communities, who are on longer in the response phase.
- Joint FEMA/State damage assessments are staging in Fairbanks today and are scheduled to begin June 7, 2013 for affected communities: Eagle, Fort Yukon, Circle and Galena.
- DHS&EM is coordinating with communities to establish Disaster Assistance Centers and will take applications for assistance from the affected individuals and families.
- DHS&EM will work with State, Local and Tribal governments to begin the recovery process.

Galena:

Major issues in Galena

- Unable to efficiently dispose of refuse due to road damage between town and landfill (estimated 2 weeks for DOT&PF to repair)
- Hazardous conditions (chemical, biological and household refuse) still exist

Yesterdays Significant Events

- The local radio station is back in service
- Some refuse was transported to the landfill
- Hazardous materials cleanup team began assessment and clean up efforts
- Public fuel service is restored to public
- More evacuees are returning
 - (currently 60 evacuees are sheltered in Galena and 140 are being sheltered outside of Galena)

Emmonak:

- Local Disaster Declaration was received today about 11am.
- Floodwaters have gone down
- The DOT representative is going to the community to evaluate roads and airport access.
- Resupply of commodities in the community is compromise due to the lack of ability to move goods from the airport into the town.
- Transportation to the Airport associated with any Medevac patients is also likely to be risky and have safety issues.
- DEC issued a precautionary Boil Water Notice.
- There is road access to the airport, all existing roads have lost surface material and are reported to be in poor condition.
- Debris is reported to have been scattered throughout the community
- The State Troopers delivered some vaccines and medications today

Alakanuk:

- The road to the airport is passable, it has three low-lying areas that were damaged by flood water and currently, those spots will need material delivered and graded so that they don't lose the access road.
- The water and sewage treatment plant are operational at this time.
- The burned fuel tank storage area associated with the water treatment facility and power plant has a couple of feet of water trapped in it with about 3/8 of an inch of fuel floating on top, reported to be an 80'X80' area.
- The sewage lagoon and landfill/dump was overtopped, debris scattered everywhere in the community.
- Debris removal will be one of the community's biggest challenges.
- An estimated 80% of the arctic pipe in the community has floated off of its supports and junction boxes have moved off their foundations
- There are multiple sources throughout the community contributing to fuel contamination in the floodwaters. Origins will remain unknown until the water goes down.
- Transportation to the Airport associated with any Medevac patients is likely to be risky and have safety issues.

Stevens Village

- Water is slowly rising.
- 1 home affected.
- One medically fragile person voluntarily evacuated as a precaution.
- The road to the landfill has been completely washed out and will require rebuilding to access the landfill.

Kuskokwim River: No known issues.

Northwest Arctic Borough: Flood damage in the communities of Kobuk and Buckland will be addressed by the Borough.

Wildland Fires

- No Red Flag Warnings.
- Bitter Creek Fire: A Type III team has been sourced and taken command of the incident.

The SEOC continues to monitor flood warnings, watches, and advisories, with due regard for at-risk communities; as well as the State's current volcano and wildland fire hazard status.

Event Needs and Status:

	Confirmed	Estimated		Confirmed	Estimated
Mass Casualty			Evacuation		
Dead	0	0	Communities	3 partial	0
Injured	0	0	# Evacuated	294 +	
Missing	0	0	Still Required	0	0
Mass Care			Search & Rescue		
Shelters Open	3	0	Areas	1	0
Pop. Capacity	0	0	Assets	4 AKANG	0
Pop. Remaining	60	0	Results	38 saves	0
Sheltered	140	0	Extras	0	26 + pets
Transportation			Wildland Activity		
Bridge Closures	0	0	Active Fires	37	0
Airport Closures	0	0	Staffed Fires	8	0
Port Closures	0	0	Total Acres Burned	44,804 YTD	0
Medical					
Facility-Status	0	0			
Capacity	0	0			
Blood	0	0			

Infrastructure Status:

Community Name	EOC / IMT Activated	Local Declaration	Shelter Open	Structures Damaged	CIKR Status	Relocated Residents	Notes	Resource Requested
Eagle, AK	No	No	No	Yes 8		No		None
	<i>The structures were reported to be homes with variable damage</i>							
Circle, AK	No	Yes	No	Yes 17		YES 8		Filled
	<i>Preliminary reports: 8 homes destroyed, 9 with major damage, some infrastructure</i>							
Fort Yukon	No	Yes	No	Yes 6		Yes 7		Cancelled
	<i>The 6 structures are unknown level of damage or type</i>							
Hughes	No	Yes	No	Yes 9		No		None
	<i>9 homes damaged</i>							
Galena	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes UNK		Yes 247		Yes
	<i>Reported: 180 homes damaged, Post Office, school flooded</i>							
Tok	No	No	No	Yes 7		No		Filled
	<i>3 homes, residence staying with family and 4 business damaged.</i>							
Alakanuk	No	No	Yes	Yes 6		No		On hold
	<i>6 homes affected (2 heavily damaged 4 with floor board and insulation damage)</i>							
Emmonak	No	No	Yes	Yes 1		No		None
	<i>Significant crack up and down the runway, runway taxi is washed out, eroded roadways are exposing electrical lines.</i>							
Stevens Village	No	No	No	UNK UNK		Yes 1		None
	<i>Voluntary evacuation of 1 medically fragile elder who was scheduled to leave (change from yesterday)</i>							
Totals	0	0		54		0	263	
	No Info	Good		Minor Damage		Moderate Damage		Major Damage

Weather Forecast

Yukon River Delta

Tonight: Cloudy near the coast. Becoming mostly cloudy inland. Areas of fog. Lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s. West winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly cloudy. Areas of fog lifting inland after noon. Highs in the mid 40s to upper 50s. West winds to 10 mph.

Lower Koyukuk and Middle Yukon Valley

Tonight: Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s. Light winds.

Friday: Sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. West winds to 10 mph.

Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands

Tonight: Cloudy. Isolated rain showers in the evening. Lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Light winds.

Friday: Mostly cloudy. Isolated rain showers south and east of Fort Yukon in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 60s to lower 70s. Light winds.

Long Term Weather Trend	
The warmer temperatures, with chance of rain across the western interior, central interior and south central will continue through Friday. Average daytime temperatures will be an average of 50 degrees high, continuing snow melt in the higher elevations, leading to flooding in various rivers and streams in around the western and central interior, and south central.	
Heading into the weekend, cloudy with chance of rain. Highs in the 60's.	
Flood Products	
Flood Warning	Colville River Delta
Flood Watch	None
Flood Advisory	Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands, Colville River from Umiat to Alpine, Salcha River Forty Mile Country, Middle Tanana Valley, Deltana and Tanana Flats.
Other Significant Status	
Statewide	<p><u>Special Weather Statement</u> High Water on the Chatanika River through Friday Night</p> <p><u>Red Flag Warnings</u> None</p> <p><u>Volcano Warnings</u> Pavlov – Orange (Watch) Cleveland – Yellow (Advisory)</p> <p><u>Road Closures</u> Steese Hwy at Milepost 140 impassable due to high water</p>

Talking Points 6.6.13

- The state continues to respond to all requests for assistance made by communities impacted by flooding. Overall, no fatalities or significant injuries have been reported.
- The Governor has declared a state disaster for affected areas of the spring 2013 floods. This activates the State's public and individual assistance programs.
 - Public Damage Inspectors are planned to arrive later this week, allowing for safety clean-up.
 - DHS&EM will open the State Individual Disaster Assistance Hotline (1-855-445-7131) and Online Registration (<http://ready.alaska.gov/recovery/IA>) on June 10, 2013 to take applications for the State's Individual Assistance Program. Question and documents can be emailed to mva.disastergrants@alaska.gov.
 - Applicants will be required to permit State Individual Assistance Damage Verifiers access to damage property and/or photos, documents, and other proof of damage. **The deadline to apply for individual assistance is July 30, 2013.**
- Public Assistance will be available for State, Tribal and local governments, and certain types of Private Nonprofit organizations that are eligible under the Public Assistance program.
- Individual Assistance program will provide both Individual Family Grants (IFG) and Temporary Housing Assistance
 - The IFG program is intended to provide short term and long term assistance to families whose homes or property have been damaged, but whose home is still habitable. The maximum grant amount is \$15,950.
 - Primary Residence owner occupied repairs
 - Essential Personal Property

- Primary Transportation
 - Disaster related Medical, Dental, Funeral expenses
 - The Temporary Housing program The Temporary Housing Program is intended to provide timely direct temporary housing assistance to individuals or families whose housing has been so badly damaged or destroyed by a disaster that the home is not habitable and for which other assistance is either unavailable or inadequate.
 - Repair Assistance for Owner Occupied Homes
 - Rental Assistance up to 18 months for homeowners and up to 3 months for renters
- The Tanana Chiefs Conference, American Red Cross of Alaska and other agencies have been supporting the needs of flood impacted Alaskans. The state greatly appreciates the efforts of these organizations.
- The Tanana Chiefs Conference has coordinated a number of local resources for residences; more information available at: www.tananachiefs.org
 - TCC has established 2013 Spring Flooding Donation Account Wells Fargo account #3881160125
 - Donations: monetary donations to NGOs are best; donated items to a local center also helps (but does not guarantee use in Galena); Donate to the Red Cross at redcross.org/Alaska or by calling 907-646-5401.

Galena

- Emergency response is ongoing; priorities are restoring essential services and access.
- Power, water, sewage running at old Air Force barracks; Power has been restored to old town and new town has power from via generator.
- Ground access to residential areas is established; DOT continues to repair road out to landfill- some materials have been moved out to the landfill with ATVs with trailers.
- DEC has been on the ground providing direction for hazardous material clean-up.
- Approx. 294 people have been evacuated. Approx. 130 people remained in Galena. An estimated 180 homes damaged.
- Flights have resumed but local officials urge residents to not return yet because of health and safety concerns.
 - A PA and 2 behavioral health specialists will also be available to returning residents.
- The return of evacuees is a priority of the State, there is currently a draft plan being reviewed by the IMT and community officials; the plan will be implemented as soon as it is approved and the area is safe.

Eagle/Circle/Fort Yukon:

- Damage assessment teams are being deployed today, Thursday June 6, to begin PDA's.

Tok:

- Flooding reported in 3 homes and 4 businesses, state has been working with local officials on damage assessment.

Emmonak:

- The City has declared a disaster and is requesting state assistance in responding to flooding that has blocked road access to the airport, eroded the airport taxi way, and caused damage to the community beyond its response capabilities.

Alukanak:

- Flood Warnings remain in effect due to ice-jam with some damage reported, shelters open with power, clinics open, city administrators working issues; boil water notice in effect. The State is working to support the shelter and water issue.

Stevens Village:

- Report that 1 person (medically fragile/elderly) who was already set to leave for health reasons was evacuated by the community- no requests from state at this time.

Areas with reported flooding but no requests to state at this time: Kobuk, Deering, Talkeetna, Beaver, Rampart, Tanana, Hughes, Ruby, Koyukuk, Buckland, Kaltag, Nulato, Chistochina, Cummings Road, Sourdough (Copper River REAA).

Current information and photos can be found at www.ready.alaska.gov/updates

The next SITREP for this incident will be Friday, June 7, 2013