



State Emergency Operations Center  
2013 Spring Floods, AK DHSEM 13-F004  
Date: June 26, 2013 Time: 1500 hrs  
SEOC Preparedness Level 3



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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. On May 31<sup>st</sup> the Governor declared a disaster for the following Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAA): Alaska Gateway, Yukon Flats, Yukon-Koyukuk and Copper River. This declaration was amended adding the Lower Yukon REAA on June 12, 2013.
- III. On June 25, 2013 the Federal Declaration for Disaster Assistance was approved for the following areas:
  - INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (Assistance to individuals and households):  
Alaska Gateway Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA),  
Lower Yukon REAA, Yukon Flats REAA, and the Yukon-Koyukuk REAA.
  
  - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities):  
Alaska Gateway Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA), Copper River REAA,  
Lower Yukon REAA, Yukon Flats REAA, and the Yukon-Koyukuk REAA.  
Direct federal assistance is authorized.
- IV. The State remains fully engaged in response activities in Galena. The Incident Management Team (IMT) will remain in place for the near future.
- V. Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) and Adventist Community Services (ACS) have a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for donations management. ACS and DHS&EM are coordinating for the donations management operations. A warehouse location has been accepted by ACS. ACS will begin receiving donations when items requested by community officials are available.

### **Recovery Efforts**

State and federal officials announce the operation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) teleregistration line to assist those who have been affected by the 2013 Spring Flood.

Individuals who have already registered with the State IFG program will need to call and apply with FEMA by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **1-800-462-7585 (TTY)** for the hearing- or speech- impaired. Hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m. local time seven days a week.

The State Individual Assistance Hotline (1-855-445-7131) and Online Registration form is open for individuals *who reside in the Copper River REAA* and who wish to begin their application for the State Individual Family Grant and Temporary Housing Programs (<http://ready.alaska.gov/recovery/IA>).

### **Community Updates**

#### **Galena**

- A security team arrived in Galena to support the GILA School campus and surrounding grounds
- EMT/RNs are in Galena to augment the local emergency medical capability
- DOT has opened the road to the landfill and will continue to assess future use daily
- Insulation and sheetrock debris is being hauled to the landfill as road access is available
- Debris continues to be burned at the solid waste storage area with the use of the incinerator
- Hazmat teams continue to collect, store and segregate hazardous materials

Note: Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) is coordinating volunteer and donations management with City Officials.

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- Power was restored to the airstrip AWOS system
  - AT&T will begin work on the system line
- Access road to the airport has been restored

**Alakanuk**

- A community relations/tribal liaison completed work with the city to provide assistance to address the human remains from the cemetery exposed by flooding
- Boil Water Notice still in effect
  - The water system is not producing water yet but is being worked on
- The tank pad at the water plant was washed out slightly and the city has concerns about refilling the tanks
- Possible lagoon berm damage

**Gulkana**

- The access bridge between the Richardson Highway and the Fish Hatchery has been impacted by flood waters and is impassable
- Several structures within the area have been damaged

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. The SEOC continues to coordinate resource requests from local jurisdictions.

The State DEC has activated its EOC in support of this event. DOT, DHSS, AST, USACE, Tanana Chiefs Conference, ANTHC, Red Cross and many others continue to support the recovery efforts in all affected communities.

 <b>Weather Forecast</b> 	
<p><b><u>Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands</u></b>  <b>Tonight:</b> Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the hills south and west of fort Yukon in the evening. Isolated showers from fort Yukon east after midnight. Areas of smoke. Lows in the upper 50s to mid 60s. Mainly west winds to 10 mph...Locally gusting 20 mph on the hills.  <b>Friday:</b> Mostly cloudy south and east of fort Yukon with scattered showers...and isolated thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy from fort Yukon northwest. Areas of smoke. Highs in the lower 80s. West winds 5 to 15 mph.  <b><u>Upper Koyukuk Valley</u></b>  <b>Tonight:</b> Isolated thunderstorms from the pipeline east this evening. Decreasing clouds otherwise. Areas of smoke. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.  <b>Friday:</b> Mostly sunny. Areas of smoke. Highs in the 70s. Southwest winds to 10 mph.</p>	<p><b><u>Copper River Basin</u></b>  <b>Tonight:</b> Numerous showers and thunderstorms in the evening...then scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the lower to mid 50s. Variable wind to 15 mph.  <b>Friday:</b> Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the 70s. Variable wind to 15 mph.  <b><u>Central Interior</u></b>  <b>Tonight:</b> Partly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Areas of smoke. Lows in the mid 50s to lower 60s. Light winds.  <b>Friday:</b> Mostly sunny. Areas of smoke. Highs in the lower 80s. Light winds.</p>

<b>Lower Koyukuk and Middle Yukon Valleys</b>	
<b>Tonight:</b> Mostly clear. Areas of smoke. Lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Light winds.	
<b>Friday:</b> Mostly sunny. Areas of smoke. Highs in the lower to mid 70s. Light winds.	
<b>Flood Products</b>	
<b>Flood Warning</b>	None
<b>Flood Watch</b>	None
<b>Flood Advisory</b>	None
<b>Other Significant Status</b>	
<b>Statewide</b>	<u><b>Red Flag Warnings</b></u> None <u><b>Volcano Warnings</b></u> <b>Pavlof</b> – Orange (Watch) <b>Veniaminof</b> – Orange (Watch) <b>Cleveland</b> – Yellow (Advisory)

**Talking Points 6.27.13**

- Preliminary Damage Assessments have been completed.
- State Disaster Assistance Programs have been activated.
- The Red Cross is offering Financial Assistance for those affected by the floods, for more information: 907-646-5401
- TCC is giving disaster assistance from its emergency funds to native residents of Galena, and is raising donations to give disaster assistance to non-native residents of Galena.
- **Donations/Volunteering:** Many organizations (i.e., Tanana Chiefs Conference, American Red Cross of Alaska and other NGO's) are coordinating volunteers and donations. Individuals wishing to support these efforts are reminded to work through these organizations. More information: <http://ready.alaska.gov/Updates/Donations>

Current information and photos can be found at [www.ready.alaska.gov/updates](http://www.ready.alaska.gov/updates)

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**The next SITREP for this incident will be Friday, June 28, 2013**