

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 192(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/11/26

Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR BJORKMAN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to evacuation designation levels; and relating to the Alaska Disaster**
2 **Act."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 26.20.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) Plans and regulations formulated under (a)(1) of this section must adopt
6 the following designations for use in evacuation maps and other public messaging:

7 (1) "Level 1 Ready," indicated in green, to alert the public that an
8 emergency may exist in the area;

9 (2) "Level 2 Set," indicated in yellow, to alert the public that
10 evacuation of the area is imminent;

11 (3) "Level 3 Go," indicated in red, to alert the public that a dangerous
12 hazard exists and that an individual in the area should immediately evacuate the area.

13 *** Sec. 2.** AS 26.23.060(e) is amended to read:

14 (e) Each political subdivision shall ensure that a written local or

1 interjurisdictional disaster emergency plan for its area is prepared, maintained, and
 2 distributed to all appropriate officials. The disaster emergency plan must include a
 3 clear and complete statement of the emergency responsibilities of all local agencies
 4 and officials. **If the disaster emergency plan includes an evacuation plan, the**
 5 **evacuation plan must use the designations set out in AS 26.20.100(b).**

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 26.23.075(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) An emergency plan prepared under AS 26.23.073 must include

8 (1) identification of facilities subject to the requirements of 42 U.S.C.
 9 11001 - 11005 that are within the emergency planning district, identification of routes
 10 likely to be used for the transportation of substances on the list of extremely hazardous
 11 substances referred to in 42 U.S.C. 11002(a), and identification of additional facilities
 12 contributing or subjected to additional risk due to their proximity to facilities subject
 13 to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005, such as hospitals or natural gas
 14 facilities;

15 (2) methods and procedures to be followed by facility owners and
 16 operators and local emergency and medical personnel to respond to a release of
 17 hazardous substances or a release of substances on the list of extremely hazardous
 18 substances referred to in 42 U.S.C. 11002(a);

19 (3) designation of an emergency coordinator, as required under
 20 AS 26.23.060(d), and facility emergency coordinators, who shall make determinations
 21 necessary to implement the emergency plan;

22 (4) procedures providing reliable, effective, and timely notification by
 23 the facility emergency coordinators to persons designated in the emergency plan, and
 24 to the public, that a release has occurred, consistent with the emergency notification
 25 requirements of 42 U.S.C. 11004;

26 (5) methods for determining the occurrence of a release and the area or
 27 population likely to be affected by that release;

28 (6) a description of emergency equipment and facilities in the
 29 community and at each facility in the community subject to the requirements of 42
 30 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005, and an identification of the persons responsible for the
 31 equipment and facilities;

- 1 (7) evacuation plans **that use the designations set out in**
2 **AS 26.20.100(b) and that include** [, INCLUDING] provisions for a precautionary
3 evacuation and alternative traffic routes;
- 4 (8) training programs, including schedules for training of local
5 emergency response and medical personnel; and
- 6 (9) methods and schedules for exercising the emergency plan.