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END: Friday, Nov. 11, 2011 10:00 p.m.

Secure Your Home Heating Fuel Tanks During Floods

Due to the large storm approaching Western Alaska, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is issuing the following advisory for west coast Alaska area property owners as far north as Point Hope and as far south as Hooper Bay.

Secure small fuel containers, fuel tanks and barrels used to store fuel so they do not float or blow away. Above ground tanks, including propane tanks may shift or fall causing fuel lines to kink, weaken or break, and fittings to loosen or become damaged. If you have a buried fuel tank, block vent and fill pipes to prevent water from seeping into the tank and contaminating the fuel.

Ice and snow sliding off of roofs is another potential hazard during severe weather conditions. DEC recommends that both the heating oil tanks and the respective fuel lines be protected from falling snow and ice.

If you have any questions on the integrity of your tank, fuel lines, tank stand, the fuel itself, or need help moving or returning the tank to service, please contact your fuel supplier.

If the flooding has caused a fuel, oil, or other hazardous substance spill, report the release to DEC at (907) 451-2121, or outside normal business hours, call 1-800-478-9300.

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