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Secure your home heating fuel tanks during floods

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is issuing the following advisory for Akiak, Akiachak, Kwethluk, Bethel, Oscarville, Napaskiak and Napakiak area property owners near flooding streams and rivers. Secure small fuel containers, fuel tanks and barrels used to store fuel so they don't float away. Above ground tanks, including propane tanks may shift or fall causing fuel lines to kink, weaken or break, or fittings may be loosened or damaged. If you have a buried fuel tank, water may have seeped into the tank and contaminated the fuel.

Owners should close the valves on tanks that are not currently in service, and on those tanks being taken out of service because of the threat of flooding. They should also plug the vents of such tanks, if possible.

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 substances spill, report it to DEC at (907) 269-3063, or outside normal business hours, call 1-800-478-9300.

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