

Sec. 26.23.900. Definitions.

In this chapter,

- (1) "commission" means the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission;
- (2) "disaster" means the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, loss of life or property, or shortage of food, water, or fuel resulting from
 - (A) an incident such as storm, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, avalanche, snowstorm, prolonged extreme cold, drought, fire, flood, epidemic, explosion, or riot;
 - (B) the release of oil or a hazardous substance if the release requires prompt action to avert environmental danger or mitigate environmental damage;
 - (C) equipment failure if the failure is not a predictably frequent or recurring event or preventable by adequate equipment maintenance or operation;
 - (D) enemy or terrorist attack or a credible threat of imminent enemy or terrorist attack in or against the state that the adjutant general of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs or a designee of the adjutant general, in consultation with the commissioner of public safety or a designee of the commissioner of public safety, certifies to the governor has a high probability of occurring in the near future; the certification must meet the standards of [AS 26.20.040](#) (c); in this subparagraph, "attack" has the meaning given under [AS 26.20.200](#); or
 - (E) an outbreak of disease or a credible threat of an imminent outbreak of disease that the commissioner of health and social services or a designee of the commissioner of health and social services certifies to the governor has a high probability of occurring in the near future; the certification must be based on specific information received from a local, state, federal, or international agency, or another source that the commissioner or the designee determines is reliable;
- (3) "disaster emergency" means the condition declared by proclamation of the governor or declared by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision to designate the imminence or occurrence of a disaster;
- (4) *[Repealed, Sec. 22 ch 179 SLA 2004].*
- (5) "hazardous substance" has the meaning given in [AS 46.03.826](#);
- (6) "major disaster" has the meaning given in 42 U.S.C. 5122;
- (7) "political subdivision" means

(A) a municipality;

(B) an unincorporated village; or

(C) another unit of local government;

(8) "temporary housing" has the meaning given in the federal Disaster Relief Act as amended;

(9) "unorganized militia" means all persons comprising that component of the militia of the state, as described in [AS 26.05.010](#).