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Special Operations Command North
Exercise ARCTIC EDGE 2026

MEDIA ADVISORY

U.S. Military including Coast Guard Personnel to Conduct Training in Valdez, Kodiak

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VALDEZ and KODIAK, Alaska -- In coordination with local authorities. U.S. military, including U.S. Coast Guard assets and personnel will conduct training near Valdez and Kodiak from Feb. 24 to March 13, 2026, as part of ARCTIC EDGE 2026.

The Valdez-based training will take place from Feb. 24 to March 13, and the Kodiak-based training will take place from Feb. 24-28. The training, which is conducted routinely throughout the U.S., allows forces to improve readiness, demonstrate capabilities, and enhance ally, interagency and Joint Force interoperability in the Arctic.

ARCTIC EDGE 2026 is part of ongoing efforts to strengthen maritime readiness, enhance coordination, and ensure preparedness for the Arctic region. The Coast Guard remains committed to protecting the maritime domain and supporting interagency and community partners through safe and effective training and operations.

There will be increased military activity in airspace, land, and maritime domains across the state, which may result in increased noise in a limited number of communities around the training ranges and near military installations.

No access to public use areas will be restricted and operations will respect the safety of personnel and wildlife in the area. All training occurs at designated sites and is coordinated with local authorities. No live fire or live demolitions will be used.

ARCTIC EDGE is an annual North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) defense exercise designed to demonstrate engaged forces that are postured and ready to assure, deter, and defend North America in an increasingly complex Arctic security environment.

Military photographers will capture imagery of the event. Please refer to our exercise website for released imagery: <https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/AE26>

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