

Alakanuk Activity Report

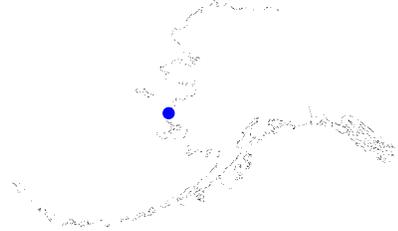
Community Overview

Lead RUBA Staff: Jimmy Smith, Anchorage Office

2001 Population: 652

Region: Yukon Delta

Local Governments: Second Class City



The City of Alakanuk operates the water and piped sewer system and the central watering point. There is a sewage lagoon available for individuals to dump their honeybuckets. The City Council is the policy making body for the utility.

Water is derived from the Alakanuk Slough, is treated, stored in a tank, and piped to most of the community. In 1998, 83 homes, the school and teachers' housing were connected to a new piped system. New facilities include a water treatment plant, heated 300,000-gal. water storage tank, vacuum sewage plant, sewage lagoon, arctic piping, and household plumbing. A new subdivision is currently underway, and nine homes will be connected to the piped utilities. There are 25 unserved homes that are threatened by riverbank erosion; they use rain catchment or haul from the water storage tank, honeybuckets and pit privies. These homes will be moved and replaced by the BIA in 2001. The landfill uses an incinerator to reduce the volume of refuse.



The Water/Sewer Facility.

General Information

After several years of extensive RUBA effort, Alakanuk is being phased out of active involvement in the program. Assistance will be provided via the telephone as needed. A trip is planned to the community by RUBA staff during the next quarter.