

Arctic Village Activity Report

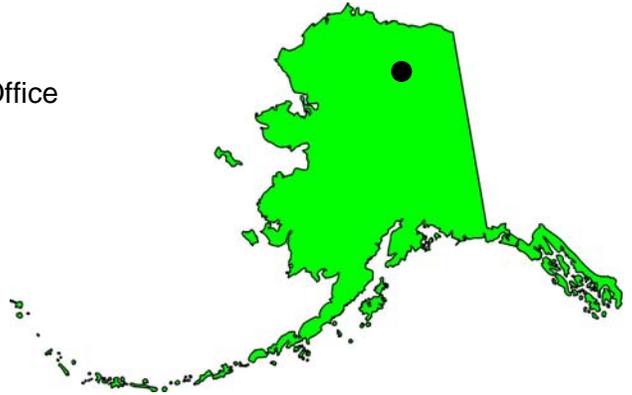
Community Overview

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2003 Population: 166

Region: Interior

Local Governments: Tribal



Water is drawn from the Chandalar River, is treated and hauled from the washeteria. The village provides water to two school tanks. The clinic hauls their own water. Honeybuckets are disposed of by residents or outhouses are used. Feasibility studies are underway to examine alternative for a safer water source, washeteria upgrades and new clinic and landfill relocation. The washeteria is the only facility with running water and uses a small solar power system to provide some electricity. The washeteria consists of three washers; three dryers; two bathrooms with flush toilets and a sink.

RUBA Activity This Reporting Period

Numerous contacts were made by telephone and fax to Arctic Village and other agencies regarding an emergency fuel shortage. The Bulk Fuel Revolving Loan application was sent to them several times; when finally completed it was faxed to the Alaska Energy Authority who denied them the loan and they then were put into contact with the Rural Alaska Fuel Services for another loan and repayment agreement.

Capacity Indicators

Finances

Essential Indicators

Yes No NA

- All revenue and expenses for the utility are listed in the utility budget.
- The utility has adopted a balanced realistic budget.
- Monthly financial reports are prepared and submitted to the policy making body.
- The utility is receiving revenues (user fees or other sources) sufficient to cover operating expenses.

Sustainable Indicators

- The utility is receiving revenues (user fees or other sources) sufficient to cover operating expenses and Repair & Replacement (R&R) costs.
- YTD revenues are at a level equal to or above those budgeted.
- YTD expenditures are at a level equal to or below those budgeted.
- A monthly manager's report is prepared.
- Budget amendments are completed and adopted as necessary.

Finances Comments:

Although the tribe utilizes the QuickBooks program, they do not have a tribal budget and financial reports are not given to the council.

Accounting Systems

Essential Indicators

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The utility has adopted a collection policy and actively follows it.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The utility bills customers on a regular basis.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	An accounts receivable system is in place which track customers and reports past due accounts and amounts.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	An accounts payable system is in place.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The payroll system correctly calculates payroll and keeps records
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A cash receipt system is in place that records incoming money and what it was for.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Utility has a cash disbursement system that records how money was spent.

Sustainable Indicators

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A chart of accounts is used that identifies categories in a reasonable, usable manner.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monthly bank reconciliations have been completed for all utility accounts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The utility has a purchasing system that requires approval prior to purchase, and the approval process compares proposed purchases to budgeted amounts.

Accounting System Comments:

The tribe utilizes the Quick Books accounting program, however only uses it to do very basic things. The tribal administrator has been working on getting the electric billing current and is actively working to get back on PCE.

Tax Problems

Essential Indicators

Yes	No	NA	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The utility has a system to accurately calculate, track, and report payroll tax liabilities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The utility is current on filing tax reports.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The utility is current on making tax deposits.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If there are any past tax liabilities, a repayment agreement has been signed and repayments are current.

Tax Problems Comments:

Unknown at this time.

Personnel System

Essential Indicators

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The utility has a posted workers compensation insurance policy in effect. |

Sustainable Indicators

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The utility has adopted and uses a Personnel Policy, which has been reviewed by an attorney, AML, or DCED for topics and language. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The utility has adequate written job descriptions for all positions. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The utility has adopted and follows a written personnel evaluation process that ties the job description to the evaluation. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The utility has an adequate written hiring process. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The utility has personnel folders on every employee that contain at least: I-9, Job Application and Letter of Acceptance. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The utility has a probationary period for new hires that includes orientation, job-training/oversight, and evaluations. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The utility provides training opportunities to staff as needed and available. |

Personnel System Comments:

The council employs two administrative staff, a washeteria operator and clerk, electric operator, and a clerk as needed.

Organizational Management

Essential Indicators

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The entity that owns the utility is known and the entity that will operate the utility is set. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The policy making body is active in policy making of the utility. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The policy making body enforces utility policy. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The utility has an adequately trained manager. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The utility has an adequately trained bookkeeper. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The utility has an adequately trained operator(s). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The utility has adopted the necessary ordinances (or rules and regulations) necessary to give it the authority to operate. |

Sustainable Indicators

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The utility has adopted an organizational chart that reflects the current structure. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The policy making body meets as required. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The utility complies with the open meeting act for all meetings. |

Organizational Management Comments:

The utility ordinances are not enforced, collection is not being enforced, and personnel are hard to keep.

Operation of Utility

Essential Indicators

Yes	No	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The utility operator(s) are actively working towards necessary certification.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The utility has a preventative maintenance plan developed for the existing sanitation facilities.

Sustainable Indicators

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The manager receives a monthly O&M report from the utility operator and routinely “spot checks” the facilities to see that the maintenance items are being completed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The utility has a safety manual and holds safety meetings.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Utility facilities have not suffered any major problems/outages due to management issues that are still unresolved.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The utility is operating at the level of service that was proposed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The operator provides status reports to the manager on a routine basis.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The utility has completed and distributed its <u>Community Confidence Report</u> (CCR).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The utility is not on the <u>Significant Non-Compliance</u> (SNC) list.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The utility maintains an inventory control list.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The utility maintains a critical spare parts list.

Operation of Utility Comments:

There have been three turnovers of operators and the clerk turnover of the washeteria has been constant within the past year. There needs to be a lot of work done to keep the washeteria operating in good condition.

RUBA Activities For The Coming Quarter

Assist tribal administrator in getting training for the council defining organizational structure and responsibilities and grant training. Work with Remote Maintenance Worker to get required items on board. Continue to assist as requested.