

# EEK Activity Report

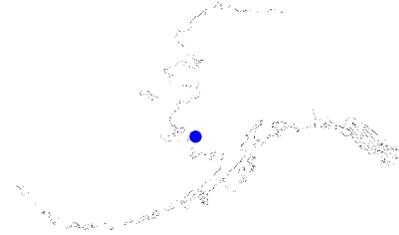
## Community Overview

Lead RUBA Staff: Johnny Evan, Bethel Office

2000 Census Population: 280

Region: Lower Kuskokwim

Local Governments: Second Class City



The City of Eek operates the main watering point and provides honeybucket pits and a sewage lagoon. The City Council is the policy making body for the utility.

Water is derived from the Eek River; is treated and stored in a tank at the washeteria. A few homes have tanks which provide running water to the kitchen; but the large majority have no additional plumbing. Rain catchment systems and ice melt are also used for drinking water. Honeybuckets are disposed of in a sewage lagoon. Infrastructure improvements are underway. The community needs a new washeteria, water treatment plant, 100,000-gal. water tank, sewage lagoon, vehicles for honeybucket and refuse hauling, and a new landfill. The City and Village have formed a joint Utility Commission, and a Master Plan is underway.

## General Information

The Container Haul System was activated in May 2001, and is currently in operation. The Washeteria construction is in process, and the Airport construction is on hold for another year to allow the ground additional settling time. Five housing units will be constructed this summer and should be complete late Fall. The City offices moved to a new building adjacent to the Recreation Building.

## Observations and Recommendations

Finances — The finances are still stable with major contributions from gaming operations for social services. The City operates in accordance to their adopted fiscal year budget.

Accounting Systems — The City still manages their accounting through Peachtree accounting software, and through Excel spreadsheets. The City purchased QuickBooks Pro, but use it for practice purpose only. The new financial software will be installed September 2001.

Tax Problems — The City is current with its tax liabilities.

Personnel System — There has been no new changes this quarter. City Administrator position was advertised locally and through the regional newspaper but as of 6/30/01 no one has been hired.

Organizational Management — The new Mayor still has not made any new changes to the organization. The City Council finally decided to advertise the City Administrator position and they hope to have several applicants and make a selection next quarter.

Leadership/Governance —The City Council acts as the utility board, and is actively involved in utility issues. The City Council plans to pursue the Piped System for possible selection.

Operation of Utility — Container haul system was activated May 2001 and is subsidized through Gaming.

**Ranking**

1 = Inadequate

4 = Adequate to meet minimum requirements

7 = Exceeds requirements

Category	1	4	7
Finances			X
Accounting Systems			X
Tax Problems			X
Personnel System		X	
Organizational Management		X	
Leadership/Governance		X	
Operation of Utility		X	

**Anticipated Activity**

A new utility assessment was not conducted last quarter due to ceased sanitation services. It will be completed in the coming quarter. We are planning to install QuickBooks Pro next quarter.