

Kongiganak Activity Report

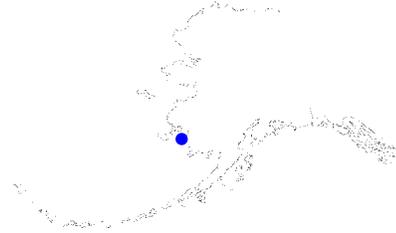
Community Overview

Lead RUBA Staff: Marita Hanson, LGS Bethel Office

2001 Population: 359

Region: Lower Kuskokwim

Local Governments: Village Council



The Village Council operates the central watering point and provides a water truck haul service. There is also a honeybucket haul service and a sewage lagoon. The Village Council is the policy making body for the utility.

Treated surface water is hauled from the washeteria. Some residents use rain catchment during the summer and ice melt in the winter. Honeybuckets are hauled by the village from disposal bunkers to a pre-treatment plant at the sewage lagoon. Homes are not plumbed. Funds have been requested to construct circulating water and vacuum sewer utilidor system, and plumbing for 45 homes. Phase I infrastructure improvements are under development, such as a new water source and water treatment improvements. The school wants an additional water storage tank. A new washeteria is needed.

General Information

The administrative side of the Kongiganak Traditional Council continues to operate without any problems. There has been no change in the administrative structure or in the Council composition. Phase III of the sanitation project will be to make improvements on the sewage lagoon and will start this coming Fall. A new consolidated tank farm started this winter and is currently an on-going project. The Traditional Council has received their funds from VSW, about \$300,000, to complete the new washeteria and treatment plant building.

Observations and Recommendations

Finances — No change. Continue to be in good standing. Financial reports have been received.

Accounting Systems — Stays the same – Computerized and operational.

Tax Problems — Taxes are kept current.

Personnel System — The Bethel DCBD office finally received a copy of Kongiganak Traditional Council's personnel policies. This policy has been recently revised.

Organizational Management — No change – Structure is still strong. Council composition stayed the same and is still very active.

Operation of Utility — One operator had attended the OIT training provided by YKHC and has passed.

Category	Inadequate	Meets Minimum Requirements	Exceeds Minimum Requirements
Finances		X	
Accounting Systems		X	
Payroll Taxes		X	
Personnel System		X	
Organizational Management		X	
Operation of Utility		X	

Anticipated Activities

- Follow up to see if Council received additional funding to complete the washeteria and treatment plant building.
- Travel to Kongiganak to gather information on the washeteria expenses and develop rate analysis.