

Kongiganak Activity Report

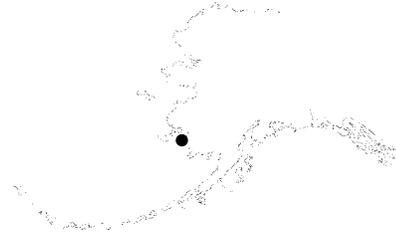
Community Overview

Lead RUBA Staff: Paul Chimiugak, Bethel Office

2000 Census 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 a 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

Kongiganak continues to operate without any problems. There has been no change in the office administrative structure. The water/sewer project is on hold until August 2001. Phase II B of the project was halted the 1st week of June and will resume in August. The washeteria was renovated and turned into a Water Treatment Plant and a new washeteria was connected to the old building, final touch up will be done on the interior of the washeteria. They had an open house in May 2001 and have been operating since then. The boardwalk was completed with the extension to a lake, a water source for the community. A pipe system was put in from the WTP to the lake.

Phase III of the project will be to make improvements on the sewage lagoon. A new consolidated tank farm is in planning stages. This will probably include the school and the local corporation.

Personnel Policies and current ordinances had been requested from the administrator, but he still has to mail it to the Bethel office.

Observations and Recommendations

Finances — Continue to be in good standing. The new washeteria is making good revenue for the utility. Rates had been set for washer by size. There is a sewage self-haul system in place, in which households are charged a service fee for its use.

Accounting Systems — Bookkeeping is done through the computer program. Their check writing and cash receipts are still manual.

Tax Problems — Tax reports are current.

Personnel System — They have a personnel system in place and it is being used. They have had a total of 21 employees over the summer. Normally there are 15 employees on payroll through the administration and the utility.

Organizational Management — Nothing to report.

Leadership/Governance — Council is still very active.

Operation of Utility — No issues that are known.

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 Activities

- Follow up on final completion of new washeteria.
- Draft a Business Plan for the Washeteria.
- Conduct a rate analysis for the Washeteria.