

BIA Seeks School Site for Shaktoolik

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has filed an application for withdrawal of 1.52 acres of land for use as a new school site for the village of Shaktoolik, Burton W. Silcock, State Director for the Bureau of Land Management announced this week.

Shaktoolik is situated on a narrow strip of land between the Tagoomeyuk River and Norton Sound. The river bordering the town is eroding its banks and endangering the present village. The withdrawal applied for is located $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the present village, where the villagers plan to move the community.

The BIA states that its request for the land includes reasonable allowance for future expansion of school facilities should there be an increase in village population.

Shaktoolik has a population of approximately 200. It is located 50 miles north of Unalakleet and approximately 120 miles southeast of Nome, within the Cape Denbigh Reindeer Reservation.