

# Emmonak gets emergency aid to rebuild water facility

The village of Emmonak has been declared a disaster area following a Monday evening fire which destroyed the village's safe water facility.

Gov. Jay Hammond signed the formal disaster declaration to authorize the state's Division of Emergency Services and other state agencies to spend funds to make emergency repairs so the community of 640 residents will have safe

drinkable water. For several days residents of the village have been trucking ice from a lake three miles away for use as drinking water.

The Feb. 8 fire burned down the village's safe water and sewage disposal building. The fire destroyed the building which housed the pumps and the water treatment system used to chlorinate the water taken from a cove of the

Yukon River. Emmonak is located near the mouth of the Yukon River in western Alaska.

Officials say the state's Division of Emergency Services will provide the materials to build the structure to cover

the water pumps and provide the new pumps and purification system.