

NSB is running out of gasoline

It seems ironic that the North Slope Borough, which sits on one of the largest known oil reserves in the world, is running out of gasoline. Here's the notice posted on the bulletin board of its handsome new office:

“North Slope Borough — All departments. Because of excessive costs associated with gaso-

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line prices, it now becomes necessary to order the shutting down of several departmental vehicles.

"Starting immediately, the mayor's office Blazer, administration and finance's Scout, housing's van and the road crew's four-door pick-up will be the only operating vehicles. The road crew should continue to share rides as they do now. Lloyd and Art should be contacted if you want to set up a ride. The mayor comes to work early, so, if you want an early

ride, contact him. . .

"Under no condition should wives, girl friends or children be allowed to use borough vehicles.

"When the new budget goes into effect, we should be able to start up these vehicles again. Until then, we will have to get along with the budget we have."

The new budget start July 1. Tax base of the North Slope Borough is currently about \$1.6 billion.