

Fuel Shortage Hits Emmonak Village

The village of Emmonak near the mouth of the Yukon River is reported to be experiencing fuel shortage.

Jacob Johnson and Martin Moore of Emmonak were in Anchorage this week to see and talk with Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, about the village's fuel problem.

Johnson and Moore said that the NC Company store there had run out of drum fuel and that the fuel shortage was especially hard for the Emmonak's poor because they neither have snow machines nor dogteams.

There is some driftwood available for fuel but one has to travel 15 to 20 miles to get it.

Jacob Johnson and Martin Moore said 160 drums of fuel would take care of the village's fuel needs until June when the village will again have fuel shipped in by freight ships.

Emil Notti said he was attempting to contact the Governor's office in Juneau to see if Gov. Miller would allow the Air National Guard to transport fuel to the village.

Notti said that Emmonak has an airstrip that is capable of handling C-123 freight aircraft.