

# Water and Sewer Plan Study for Rural Areas

Governor Keith H. Miller announced that the application for Alaska's state-wide comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan has been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration in Washington, D.C.

The \$290,000 grant is Phase I of a multiphase state-wide planning effort involving all of Alaska's rural areas, including communities of less than 5,500 population, the Governor added.

Governor Miller said that the \$290,000 grant covers one of the six planning areas of Alaska; in particular the Interior Planning Area which is bounded by the Yukon Territory on the east, the Brooks Range on the north, the Alaska Range on the south, and the configuration of the Yukon and Koyukuk Rivers on the east.

The Governor said that work on the remaining five Planning Areas will take place soon after the Farmers Home Administration, as well as other Federal agencies, have an opportunity to evaluate the progress of this initial program.

Governor Miller said that this FHA planning grant is the first large regional water and sewer planning program to be undertaken in the State and totally funded by Federal monies. No State or local matching funds will be required.

The Governor added that the program administration will be provided by the State Planning and Research Division with technical support for this phase coming from Lee S. Linck and Floyd A. Ohlsen's Alaska Architectural and Engineering Company of Fairbanks.