

Gov. Hammond on Fuel

Governor Jay Hammond issued a statement July 11th announcing the formal intervention of the State of Alaska in the U.S. District

Court case involving the delivery of fuel to rural Alaska.

"The recent U.S. District Court decision ruling invalid government waivers which allowed Alaskan air carriers to deliver fuel is totally reprehensible to the best interests of Alaska," Hammond said.

"Alaska's unique situation of having sparsely populated and isolated rural communities demands that many of our villages be serviced by air.

"The State of Alaska, upon the recommendation of the Alaska Energy Office and other State agencies and interested parties involved in the transporting of goods to rural communities is preparing a formal intervention at this time.

"We are now working under a temporary stay that allows deliveries as usual while we prepare testimony in behalf of the people of rural Alaska," the Governor continued.

"This court decision was made, not upon the activities of our Alaskan air carriers, but upon accidents in urban States that do not have our unique requirements.

"We are joining the Alaska Air Carriers in intervening in this case to allow our rural areas to be serviced by air as before with deliveries of fuel, propane, and the other goods that they so desperately need."