

Big Operation Brings Oil Fuel To Anaktuvuk

In what can be compared to a major operation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fairbanks District, and the Alaska Airlines are in the process of airlifting 992 drums of oil this week.

Oil drums, 50,000 gallons of them, are being flown to Anaktuvuk Pass, a village that has experienced chronic shortage of fuel for several years past.

The fuel had been declared surplus by the Air Force and it was made available to the BIA to supply the remote Brooks Range village.

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The Alaska Airlines is hauling the oil under contract.

In addition, the BIA was supplemented \$20 thousand allocation to supply oil stoves, chimneys, asbestos sheeting and copper tubing for the stoves for Anaktuvuk village.

Some of the money was used to buy plywood, insulations and roofing materials and the balance was used for transportation costs.

Wallace Craig, superintendent of the BIA's Fairbanks District, said that 17 oil stoves for 17 Anaktuvuk Pass families had been flown up.

A BIA maintenance man is now at the village to help install the heating units.

Craig said that the 50,000 gallons of fuel should last Anaktuvuk village for three years or at about 17,500 gallons per year.

Anaktuvuk has a population of about 120 people.