

Gravel Supports Barrow Gas Well-

Increased Demand by City of Barrow Makes Well Necessary

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Mike Gravel supports a request for money to drill a new gas well in Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4 to provide for the increased demand by the city of Barrow, Alaska.

The Alaska Democrat said the

request had come from Mr. R. W. Pavitt, chairman of the Barrow Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee.

Senator Gravel said in a letter to Navy Secretary John H. Chafee, "I am in wholehearted support of Mr. Pavitt's request and I would like to know whether funds are included in the budget for the drilling of such a well."

The Senator said, "If funds are not included in the budget, I intend to request the Appropriations Committee to increase the the appropriation for the Department of the Navy so that this

well may be drilled as soon as possible."

Senator Gravel said he hopes the Navy Department will support the funding "because the diminishing gas reserves present an imminent problem to the community of Barrow."