

Sen. Stevens Resurrects Rampart Dam Project

According to an Associated Press story out of Juneau, Alaska Senator Ted Stevens believes federal officials should again consider the possibility of Rampart Dam project to provide hydroelectric generation on the Yukon River.

Associated Press quoted Stevens as saying that it was "possible to build a series of dams instead of one large one to reduce the flooded areas behind each."

The Trans-Alaska pipeline, AP quoted Stevens as saying, would provide a market for the power from Rampart.

"If we're going to do intelligent land planning and ener-

gy planning," Fairbanks Democratic Rep. Mike Bradner told the Tundra Times in response to the AP story, all energy sources within the state "should be looked at and reviewed from time to time," including others

besides Rampart, such as Devils Canyon.

About five villages could be inundated by the Rampart Project, Bradner said, and Rampart "could affect oil drilling within the area because of environmental sensitivity."

"We have to think about petroleum conflicts and the desires of the people who own the land," Bradner said.
