Interior Department Expected To Recommend Against Dam

The Department of the Interior is expected to recommend against construction of Rampart Dam on the Yukon River.

The Interior Department reprt on the project is still being written, but members of Alaska's Congressional delegation were given a briefing on the report last month.

George Sundberg, administrative assistant to Sen. Ernest Gruening, said that

the department would recommend against building the hydro-electric project and request funds to investigate economically feasible alternatives in the state.

The Interior Department is one of several agencies making studies on the impact and feasibility of the Dam. These reports will be used for a comprehensive report for Congress prepared by the Corps of Engineers.