

Line Impact Info Implemented

A project to gather information on the effects of pipeline construction in Interior Alaska is being implemented by the Tanana Chiefs Conference, North Star Borough Impact Information Center, and the Fairbanks Town and Village Association.

According to Judy Vick, who has been selected to coordinate the project, it will complement the work of the Impact Information Center in Fairbanks by focusing on impact in the rural area.

The project is primarily funded by a grant from the State Dept. of Community and Regional Affairs.

Vick said the project is scheduled to run four months. During that time, reports will be prepared and included in the regular monthly report of the Impact Information Center.

According to Jerry Smetzer, executive director of the Town and Village Association, "It is important to understand that pipeline construction and operation mean different kinds of opportunities and problems in each community." The TVA is an economic development program established under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

The information-gathering project will utilize satellites, radio, telephone, newspapers and personal visits to villages to gather

and distribute impact information.

Melvin Charlie, president of Tanana Chiefs said his organization has supported the project through resolutions and hopes to utilize its four sub-regional directors to help gather impact information. "We

felt it was something we needed," he said.

Vick said people living outside the North Star Borough who have information requests should call her office collect at 456-4285, or stop at the office of the Town and Village Association offices at 510 Second Ave.