



NOORVIK PLANT FIRE — The village people of 500 of Noorvik are now without electric power after a fire razed the power plant last month. "The school has its own power but not the rest of the town," said Glen LaFave of the village. Gov. William Egan has now requested military to airlift a 300-kw generator from Kotzebue to Noorvik.

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Noorvik Plant Razed Leaving Villagers Sans Power

JUNEAU — Gov. William A. Egan said recently the loss of Noorvik's power plant in a fire on Oct. 19 has created an emergency situation and the state has requested military assistance to airlift a 300-KW generator from Kotzebue to Noorvik.

Egan said there are only three small emergency power plants providing electricity to the vil-

lage's two schools and the water-sewer system, while 500 residents are without power.

School activities presently are curtailed, he said, and failure of any of the small plants could cause school closure or freeze-up of water and sewer systems.

The governor said the Alaska

Disaster Office determined there are no commercial or Air Guard aircraft capable of transporting the 16,000 pound generator into the small Noorvik airstrip.

He said assistance has been requested from the Alaskan Command for a skycrane from Ft. Wainwright to carry out the emergency airlift.