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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Anaktuvuk Pass Fuel Shortage

Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska—Anaktuvuk Pass is currently experiencing a fuel shortage. Severe and prolonged extreme weather, including temperatures below -40°F, combined with aircraft mechanical issues, has disrupted regularly scheduled fuel deliveries.

Short-Term Actions

The North Slope Borough (NSB) is actively working to restore fuel deliveries and remains in daily communication with Everts Air Cargo, the carrier that regularly delivers fuel to Anaktuvuk Pass. Everts currently has one aircraft dedicated to fuel delivery and is working to serve multiple communities across Alaska that are facing similar fuel challenges due to extreme weather conditions.

Anaktuvuk Pass is scheduled for the next available delivery window, currently anticipated on January 8, pending weather conditions.

To prevent a complete depletion of supply, the community is in fuel conservation mode, and ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD) is being rationed to ensure continuity of essential operations.

In addition to regular air delivery efforts, the NSB is working with Eskimos, Inc. to explore an emergency fuel haul via the community winter access trail (CWAT) trail as an additional short-term option while weather-related delivery disruptions continue.

Long-Term Planning

Anaktuvuk Pass currently relies on a 150,000-gallon ULSD tank, which is no longer sufficient for annual fuel needs. A new 250,000-gallon bulk ULSD tank is in the design phase, with construction planned for 2026–2027.

Everts Air Cargo has expanded its long-term delivery capacity by increasing from one to three diesel-capable aircraft. These aircraft are awaiting FAA approval for operations on gravel airstrips and are expected to begin servicing Anaktuvuk Pass in spring or summer 2026, increasing daily delivery capacity and flight frequency.

Emergency Contact Information

For fuel-related emergencies, please contact local NSB representatives at 907-661-3511:

- Fred Gordon, Public Works Supervisor
- Cid Nay, Assistant Public Works Supervisor, or
- James Aiken, Deputy Director of Enterprises & Energy Management

The NSB will continue to provide updates and is actively pursuing all available solutions to address this fuel shortage.