



News Release

POWER SUPPLY IN RANKIN INLET UPDATE

IQALUIT, NUNAVUT (**February 22, 2008**) – The power supply in the community of Rankin Inlet remains limited but currently available throughout the community. Over the coming days there will be scheduled interruptions as temporary generators are maintained. Residents are advised to listen to community radio for the locations of any planned outages.

The Qulliq Energy Corporation has purchased a new generator which is expected to arrive and be operational within the next 72 hours.

A decision will be made on Sunday as to whether the current configuration of generators will allow for the reopening of the community's schools on Monday.

Local MLA's Levinia Brown and Tagak Curley will return from the legislative session currently underway in Iqaluit to consult with residents on Saturday and Sunday.

It is essential that energy conservation measures be maintained in order to avoid having to rotate the power supply. Qulliq Energy Corporation maintains its request that residents continue to limit their power consumption. It is expected the energy conservation measures will be required over the next few weeks as the energy system is reconfigured with new equipment.

Residents are requested to stay clear of the power plant as heavy machinery is operating outside and may pose a health and safety risk to the public.

The hamlet office has been handling concerns and questions from members of the community.

Residents are encouraged to continue listening to local radio reports for updates.

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