



News Release

RANKIN INLET ASKED TO KEEP CONSERVING ENERGY

IQALUIT, NUNAVUT (February 25, 2008-4:00 PM) – The power supply in the community of Rankin Inlet remains limited but currently available throughout the community. The 3 schools were open on Monday, and boxed lunches provided for students at the schools, in order to keep peak electrical demand at a minimum over the lunch hour.

The GN offices will continue to be on a rotating schedule on Tuesday, with some offices open from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, and other offices open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Residents are advised to listen to the community radio station or CBC for the rotation schedule.

Qulliq Energy Corporation has purchased a new generator, but the aircraft that was meant to bring it to Rankin went mechanical, and it is expected to land in Rankin within the next 48 hours. A transformer that was being shipped to Rankin from Winnipeg is also experiencing transportation difficulties, and should hopefully arrive within the next 48 hours as well.

It is essential that energy conservation measures be maintained in order to avoid having to rotate the power supply. Qulliq Energy Corporation upholds its request that residents continue to limit their power consumption until the new engine is operational. When the new engine has been installed, work and school hours will most likely return to normal, but conservation measures will still be required for 10 to 14 days until the plant is fully operating again. Mechanics are continuing to work at repairing the two larger plant engines.

Residents are requested to stay clear of the power plant as electrical equipment is operating outside and will pose a health and safety risk to the public.

Residents of Rankin Inlet are encouraged to continue listening to local radio reports for updates. Their continued support and patience is greatly appreciated by all of those involved.

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GN Rotational Openings

Mornings: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM 4 Hours

ED&T
Nunavut Airports
Human Resources
Petroleum Products
Finance
CGS Projects

Afternoons: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM 4 Hours

Health (Regional)
Social Services
Public Health
Health Insurance
Education
CGS Regional Office
Justice
Education Resource Centre

All Day Regular Hours

CGS Maintenance
CGS HQ
CGS Informatics
Kivalliq Health Centre
Kivalliq Hall

All 3 schools will function 9:00 AM to 3:00PM with QEC power. Classrooms only. Gymnasiums, auditoriums and assembly areas to remain dark. Lunches will be provided for students so that they do not have to go home for lunch.

All departments are to restrict power use to the bare minimum. Personal electronics are not to be used. Personal printers to be turned off and hub or central printers only are to be used.