

Manakotak first quarter 2007

Not too bad a first quarter. We got Nushagak telephone to hook up the phone in the power plant. The operators were previously to this, having to use their own home phones to order parts, etc. Engine number three had a recurring valve cover leak that was reported to me on my calls. I was told they were going to replace the gasket, but on subsequent calls they had not and didn't know if one had even been ordered. No one is in charge of ordering as they don't really have a foreman responsible for these types of things. They currently have eight operators who work in pairs for a week at a time. They come in three times a day to check the engines and take the readings. After a week then it's the next two guys turn and so on. I'd like to have someone in charge (a foreman) to come in at least once a week and check on the crew and do any parts ordering needed. This would be in addition to his regular week on duty. I will be taking a trip to Manakotak, hopefully in the next week or so to address this problem.

I understand the state is going to build a new runway at the new part of town. They will need power for lights etc. but don't know who will be doing that.