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**Communities Served**

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Alakanuk       | New Stuyahok    |
| Ambler         | Nightmute       |
| Andreafsky     | Noatak          |
| Anvik          | Noorvik         |
| Brevig Mission | Nulato          |
| Chevak         | Nunapitchuk     |
| Eek            | Old Harbor      |
| Ekwok          | Pilot Station   |
| Elim           | Pitkas Point    |
| Emmonak        | Quinhagak       |
| Gambell        | Russian Mission |
| Goodnews Bay   | St. Mary's      |
| Grayling       | St. Michael     |
| Holy Cross     | Savoonga        |
| Hooper Bay     | Scammon Bay     |
| Huslia         | Selawik         |
| Kaltag         | Shageluk        |
| Kasigluk       | Shaktoolik      |
| Kiana          | Shishmaref      |
| Kivalina       | Shungnak        |
| Kotlik         | Stebbins        |
| Koyuk          | Teller          |
| Lower Kalskag  | Togiak          |
| Marshall       | Toksook Bay     |
| Mekoryuk       | Tununak         |
| Minto          | Upper Kalskag   |
| Mt. Village    | Wales           |



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## Wishing You a Warm and Bright 2012!

Inside this month's Ruralite magazine you will find information about many of our 2011 projects, small and large. While there is always more to do than can be accomplished, it never fails to surprise me how much we did get done, considering our extremely small staff and the large number of communities we serve. Please look over the project list and tell your power plant operators and AVEC technicians "thank you" next time you see them.

For years, we have heard from our communities that they would like to have the old tanks demolished and removed from their communities. These are the tanks that were abandoned following projects that replaced them, primarily with Denali Commission funding. This year, we have partnered with the local school district, ANICA, the city and other tank owners to jointly cut up the old tanks and dispose of them at the landfill. Savoonga's tanks were demolished last month and Gambell's will be done this month. Other communities will follow.

By now, most villages have held their Village Annual Meetings and delegates have been elected to participate in the AVEC Annual Meeting on March 27 in Anchorage. At the annual meeting, delegates will elect board members to fill three seats. One is the seat left vacant by the sad passing of Julia Walker from Anvik last August. The other two seats are currently filled by Helena Jones from Ambler and Phyllis Clough from Old Harbor.

Any member of AVEC in good standing (you must not be delinquent on your electric bill) is eligible to run for and serve on the AVEC board. You do not have to be present to be elected. If you are interested in serving, please fax us at (800) 478-4086, email [mkohler@avec.org](mailto:mkohler@avec.org) or call us at (800) 478-1818. You are welcome to provide a brief written statement about why you would like to serve that will be read to the delegates on your behalf.

Shortly after you receive this magazine, the 27th Alaska Legislature will convene for its second session. This will be a particularly interesting year as it is an election year and 59 of the 60 seats will be filled by the voters due to redistricting. We expect this to be a significant year for capital appropriations and we will do our best to position our villages' energy needs in the forefront.

As always, my door is open for our members. Give me a call or send me an email. I am happy to hear from you!

Until next time,

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