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## **Open Letter to Alaska's Rural Residents**

Fall is rapidly coming and many of us are beginning to prepare for winter. We know that having an adequate fuel supply to keep community facilities running, sell to residents, and generate electricity is a priority and many are already working diligently to accomplish this goal. DCRA offers technical support that may help meet this goal.

DCRA assistance includes help with the following:

- fuel loan applications
- helping to identify the lowest cost supplier of fuel for your community
  - rate setting for the resale of fuel
- developing an effective billing and collections systems
  - updating financial recordkeeping systems

DCRA does not provide individual cash assistance for fuel purchases; however, we are available to provide support for local efforts to acquire an adequate supply of fuel.

If you need technical assistance, or have any concerns regarding the availability of residential and/or public facility fuel stocks for your community for the coming winter, please call DCRA toll free at

**1-877-769-4614**

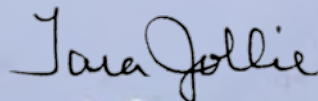
Or contact

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To find more information about DCRA and Local Government Assistance services and information, including our Fuel Prices Across Alaska publication, go to DCRA's website at

<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/dca/home.htm>.

Sincerely,



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