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Question: How many Indigenous communities take their power supply from diesel?

Answer:

Approximately 98% of outstations throughout the Territory (530 in total) take their power supply from diesel. Although many outstations have a solar/diesel hybrid system, very few rely totally on a solar system to provide all their power needs.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services' Indigenous Essential Services Program provide essential services to 72 Indigenous communities and 67 outstations connected to the remote distribution networks. Services are delivered under contract by Indigenous Essential Services Pty Ltd, a wholly owned, not for profit, subsidiary of the Power Water Corporation (PWC). The response provided relates specifically to these communities.

A detailed list of the power generation source for Indigenous communities serviced by IES is shown in Attachment A.

Wadeye, the largest Indigenous community in the Northern Territory, will be converted from diesel to natural gas power supply, with the construction of a new gas-fired power station scheduled for completion in 2012-13. This will reduce diesel fuel consumption by approximately 2 million litres per annum.

Diesel fuelled power stations are located at:-

Alpurrurulam	Amanbidji (Kildurk)
Amanbidji (Kildurk)	Areyonga
Atitjere (Hart Range)	Bulla
Bulman	Canteen Creek (Owaitilla)
Daguragu	Engawala
Finke (Apatula) Galiwin'ku (Elcho Island)	Gunbalanya (Oenpelli)
Gapuwiyak (Lake Evella)	Hermannsburg
Haasts Bluff (Ikuntji)	Imanpa
Imangara (Murray Downs)	Kaltukatjara (Docker River)
Kalkarindji (Wave Hill)	Lajamanu
Kintore	Maningrida
Laramba	Milikapiti (Snake Bay)
Manyallaluk (Eva Valley)	Milyakburra (Bickerton Is)
Milingimbi	Minyerri
Minjilang (Croker Island)	Naiyu (Daly River)
Mt Liebig	Ngukurr
Nguiu (Wurrimiyanga)	Numbulwar
Nturiya	Palumpa
Nyirripi	Peppimenarti
Papunya	Pirlangimpi
Pigeon Hole	Ramingining
Pmara Jutunta (Ti Tree 6 mile)	Robinson River
Rittarangu	Titjikala
Tara	Wadeye
Umbakumba	Weemol
Warruwi	Wilora
Willowra	Yarralin
Wutunugurra (Epenarra)	Yuendumu
Yuelamu	

A number of outstations and communities are electrically interconnected and power is supplied through either IES Pty Ltd diesel power stations or the commercial electricity grid.