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12,000th Tanker Escort Alyeska Pipeline achieves operational milestone

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – On June 6, 2012, Alyeska Pipeline achieved an operational milestone. The company's Ship Escort Response Vessel System (SERVS) conducted its 12,000th tanker escort.

The marine tanker *Polar Discovery* departed from the Valdez Marine Terminal under escort by SERVS' tugs *Aware* and *Nanuq*. SERVS was established in 1989 to prevent oil spills by assisting tankers in safe navigation through Prince William Sound, and to protect the environment by providing rapid and effective response services to the Valdez Marine Terminal and Alaska crude oil shippers.

"Congratulations to our employees and contractors for their dedication and personal commitment," said Alyeska President Tom Barrett. "This milestone is a great example of the work we do in safeguarding the environment and transporting oil safely - day in and day out."

About Alyeska Pipeline

For 35 years, Alyeska has operated the 800-mile Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), safely moving oil from Prudhoe Bay on the North Slope of Alaska south to the Port of Valdez, the northernmost ice-free port in the United States. The pipeline traverses three mountain ranges, permafrost regions and 34 major rivers and streams. Alyeska personnel work in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Valdez and at pump stations and response facilities all along the pipeline. They also operate the Ship Escort/Response Vessel System (SERVS) for Prince William Sound. Alyeska was created to construct, operate, and maintain TAPS for owner companies which today are BP Pipelines (Alaska), ConocoPhillips Transportation Alaska, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, Unocal Pipeline Company, and Koch Alaska Pipeline Company.

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