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The Trans Alaska Pipeline System celebrates 35 years of delivering excellence

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – On June 20, 2012, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (Alyeska) will celebrate the 35th anniversary of pipeline startup. This milestone provides an opportunity to reflect on the company's rich history and celebrate the outstanding work by the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) workforce.

The first oil pumped from Pump Station 1 on June 20, 1977 and arrived in Valdez 38 days later on July 28. To date, more than 16.5 billion barrels of oil have transited TAPS. Throughput peaked at 2.1 billion barrels per day in 1988 and averaged about 590,000 barrels per day in 2011. Oil transported from TAPS accounts for 11 percent of U.S. domestic oil supply.

"This year's anniversary theme is 35 years of delivering excellence," said Alyeska President Tom Barrett. "This is more than just a slogan. It's a way of life for employees and contractors who ensure the safe delivery of oil, while protecting Alaska's environment. The pipeline is an engineering marvel, but it's the TAPS workforce who has kept oil moving for 35 years. Our highly competent employees and contractors take pride in our company culture of safety, teamwork and innovation, and deliver results everyday."

Today, there are more than 2000 Alyeska employees and contractors – 29 have been with Alyeska since startup. "Spending the last 35 years of my life with Alyeska has been like watching a family," says Sue Britt, Alyeska's longest serving employee. "We've all grown up together – as a company and as employees."

Eighteen-year employee Leah Hoffman has held several different positions throughout her Alyeska career. Hoffman works at the Van Horn facility in Fairbanks, Alaska and provides pipeline maintenance support. "As a technician, I had a mentor who impressed upon me the need for teamwork and innovation," Hoffman said. "We all love Alaska and want the oil and gas industry to thrive while keeping Alaska just as pristine and wild as ever."

Dameon Kowalke, a pump station utility rover, recently joined the TAPS workforce. "When I think of TAPS, the first thing that comes to mind is professionalism," Kowalke said. "We strive to be the best at what we do. I am proud to be part of an organization that has a 35-year legacy of professionalism and pride."



A web-based “TAPS \$5K for 35 Philanthropy Poll” will celebrate the impact of TAPS on communities and acknowledge the work of non-profit organizations. Starting June 20, the poll can be found on Alyeska’s website, www.alyeska-pipe.com. Registration is required and participants can vote once in each geographic area. At the conclusion of the 35-day poll, \$5,000 will be awarded to each of the leading non-profits from the Fairbanks, Valdez and Anchorage/statewide areas. Thirty-five non-profits were selected by a group of Alyeska employees and contractors to participate in the online poll. Participating non-profits are Alaska-based, fall under Alyeska’s philanthropy criteria, and are supported by TAPS employees.

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.

For more information, visit www.alyeska-pipe.com, or follow Alyeska on Facebook or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/AlyeskaPipeline.

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35 Historical Facts about Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

1. March 13, 1968 – Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) and Humble Oil and Refining Company announce Prudhoe Bay discovery well.
2. August 27, 1970 – TAPS Owners form Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, a separate corporation.
3. November 16, 1973 – Trans Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act (TAPAA) becomes law.
4. January 3, 1974 – Federal right-of-way grant issued.
5. June 20, 1977 - First oil flows from Pump Station 1.
6. August 1, 1977 – ARCO M/V Juneau departs Valdez with first oil.
7. September 20, 1980 – Monument to pipeline construction workers dedicated at the Valdez Marine Terminal.
8. December 15, 1981 – First Kuparuk field oil delivered to Pump Station 1.
9. October 3, 1987 – Endicott field start-up.
10. July 10, 1989 – Ship Escort/Response Vessel System (SERVS) established for oil spill prevention and response in Prince William Sound.
11. Jan 20, 1993 – Petro Star Refinery comes online in Valdez.
12. March 5, 1994 – 10 billionth barrel arrives at the Valdez Marine Terminal.
13. March 30, 1995 – Alyeska employees work one million consecutive hours without a lost-time accident.
14. October 20, 1995 – Alyeska and U.S. Department of Interior sign new Alaska Native Utilization Agreement.
15. January 1996 – SERVS performs 5000th tanker escort.
16. October 15, 1998 – Alyeska and U.S. Department of Interior renew Alaska Native Utilization Agreement.
17. January 27, 1999 – Nanuq, enhanced tractor tug, arrives at Valdez to join SERVS fleet.
18. May 22, 1999 – Tan'erliq, enhanced tractor tug, arrives at Valdez to join SERVS fleet.

19. July 11, 2001 – M/V Polar Endeavor, first Millennium class double-hull tanker, arrives at the Valdez Marine Terminal.
20. November 2, 2001 – First oil from Northstar field received at Pump Station 1.
21. November 3, 2002 – Thanks to the innovative engineering applied during TAPS' construction by its workforce, the pipeline withstands a 7.9 earthquake at the Denali Fault Line with minimal damage.
22. November 26, 2002 – State of Alaska renews pipeline right-of-way for 30 years.
23. April 2003 – Alyeska Pipeline receives the American Petroleum Institute's 2002 Environmental Large Operator Award and recognition for improved safety performance (29 percent reduction in OSHA recordables over a three year period).
24. April 2004 – Alyeska Pipeline receives the American Petroleum Institute's 2003 Environmental Large Operator Award and recognition for improved safety performance (47 percent reduction in OSHA recordables over a three year period).
25. April 2005 – Alyeska Pipeline receives the American Petroleum Institute's 2004 Environment Large Operator Award for outstanding environmental performance
26. December 21, 2005 – 15 billionth barrel arrives at the Valdez Marine Terminal.
27. April 2006 – Alyeska wins the American Petroleum Institute's Distinguished Environmental and Safety Award, API's highest recognition for a pipeline operator. Alyeska also received the 2005 Environmental Large Operator Award.
28. February 9, 2007 – New Electrification and Automation equipment officially cut over for oil movement at Pump Station 9; first station to receive E&A equipment.
29. January 23, 2008 – Operations Control Center begins 24/7 operations in Anchorage.
30. April 2009 - Alyeska receives 2008 American Petroleum Institute's Distinguished Operator Award (Large Operator). Alyeska also wins API's Distinguished Environment and Safety award for the fifth consecutive year.
31. Jan 2011 – Tom Barrett hired as first Alyeska-employed President.
32. May 12, 2011 – Alyeska employees and contractors reached a major safety milestone; 10 million hours without a Day Away From Work Case (DAFWC).
33. March 16, 2012 - Alyeska named one of the 2012 World's Most Ethical Companies from the Ethisphere Institute.
34. May 2012 – Alyeska receives the Most Improved Projects Process Award for small projects between \$2-\$10 million from Independent Project Analysis.
35. June 6, 2012 – 12,000th SERVS-escorted tankers.