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NSB Invests in Infrastructure to Support Growth of Oil and Gas Industry Operations in the Arctic

The North Slope Borough (Borough) announced today its plans to invest in order to increase and improve its infrastructure at its Service Area Ten (SA10) operations that support oil and gas industry operations in the Arctic.

The Borough recognizes that the tax relief provided under SB 21 creates a more attractive financial environment for investment by the oil and gas industry, however the limitation of quality basic utility services also inhibits increased oil and gas activity in the greater Prudhoe Bay industrial complex.

Mayor Charlotte Brower recently said “the North Slope Borough recognizes its responsibility as the only provider of water, sewer and solid waste services in the greater Prudhoe Bay area. In order to join the Governor and Legislature in fostering an environment which encourages responsible development within our boundaries, the Borough is investing over \$90,000,000 to increase and improve the services provided by our utilities. The new facility will delivered reliable, cost effective utility services to all constituents in the Prudhoe Bay area.”

In 2012, The Borough commissioned studies intended to develop an understanding of the utility needs in Prudhoe Bay, and to begin the design process of facilities which would meet the current and future needs of the customer base. This study has resulted in the design of a state of the art 60,000 square foot facility which will house a potable water treatment system, a sewage treatment system, as well as an on-demand hot water system intended for drilling and maintenance purposes.

In addition, the study has illustrated a need for a 17-acre expansion to the Oxbow landfill, which serves as the only solid waste disposal site in the greater Prudhoe Bay area. In addition to the expansion, the design for the Borough's solid waste utility will include facilities to assist in waste stream reduction and recycling.

Recently, the Borough awarded, through competitive bid, a contract to Alaska Interstate Constructors for building a passively cooled insulated pad. The state of the art pad will serve as the foundation for the new water and sewer treatment plant. Construction on the plant itself is tentatively scheduled to begin in early 2014.

To mark the Borough's efforts to assist the Governor and the Legislature in promoting increased activity in Alaska's oil and gas industry, the Borough is holding a groundbreaking celebration at the SA-10 facility on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Brower stated "The North Slope Borough recognizes that creating an atmosphere which encourages responsible oil and gas development benefits all Alaskans, and we are both pleased and proud to do our part."

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