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Alyeska conducts 2013 planned maintenance shutdowns

This summer Alyeska Pipeline Service Company will conduct several planned pipeline shutdowns scheduled to last from four to 18 hours each.

Alyeska conducts line-wide shutdowns annually to allow maintenance crews time to work on coordinated projects along the pipeline and at the Valdez Marine Terminal. Shutdowns typically coincide with North Slope producers' routine maintenance on equipment and facilities.

Planned maintenance shutdowns:

- May 10 4-hour shutdown to perform valve maintenance along the 800-mile pipeline.
- June 8 18-hour shutdown to test mainline valves at various locations along the pipeline.
- June 30 6-hour shutdown to install temporary bypass piping around Pump Station 10. The bypass will allow the station to be isolated while piping inside the station is disconnected.
- July 8 6-hour shutdown to remove the bypass and restore normal flow at Pump Station 10.
- August 9 18-hour shutdown to test mainline valves at various locations along the pipeline.

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About Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

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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