

## ANNIVERSARIES

<b>Ida Kish</b> , Information Systems, November 20, 1974.....	19 Years	<b>Peter Marsh</b> , Oil Movements & Operations Support, November 19, 1984.....	9 Years
<b>Mark Iverson</b> , Information Systems, November 16, 1977.....	16 Years	<b>Don Chesebro</b> , Oil Movements & Operations Support, November 19, 1985.....	8 Years
<b>Judy Carpenter</b> , Pump Station 12, November 19, 1979.....	14 Years	<b>Ed Swickle</b> , Pump Station 12, November 18, 1986.....	7 Years
<b>Ed Smith</b> , Pump Station 5, November 19, 1979.....	14 Years	<b>Amy Murrell-Haunold</b> , Security & General Services, November 20, 1989.....	4 Years
<b>Bob Waller</b> , Terminal, November 19, 1979.....	14 Years	<b>Dan Wilkins</b> , Pipeline, November 20, 1989.....	4 Years
<b>Pat Barnes</b> , Oil Movements & Operations Support, November 19, 1980.....	13 Years	<b>Jeff Banton</b> , Security & General Services, November 19, 1990.....	3 Years
<b>Walter Wamsley</b> , Terminal, November 16, 1981.....	12 Years	<b>Kenneth Ginalski</b> , Terminal, November 19, 1990.....	3 Years
<b>Hagen Gauss</b> , Pump Station 1, November 21, 1981.....	12 Years	<b>Bob Bohm</b> , Pipeline, November 18, 1991.....	2 Years
<b>Wil Cyr</b> , Oil Movements & Operations Support, November 19, 1984.....	9 Years	<b>Margy Lagana</b> , Environment, Health & Safety, November 18, 1991.....	2 Years
<b>Kathryn Dodge</b> , Oil Movements & Operations Support, November 19, 1984.....	9 Years		

\* Teamed to this Department  
Anniversary dates denote Years of service on Alyeska Project

## PROMOTIONS

**Barbara Dupree**, from Administrative Support Analyst to Senior Administrative Support Analyst in Projects

**Doug Fleming**, from Tech Level 3 to Tech Level 4 at the Terminal

**Jim Luchini**, from Construction Manager to Project Manager in Projects

**Hai Phung**, from Senior Engineer to Engineering Coordinator in Operations Engineering

**Kathy Shelton** from Administrative Secretary I to Administrative Secretary II in Projects

**Debra Stewart** from Financial Analyst to Senior Financial Services Analyst in Control & Quality Assurance

## TRANSFERS

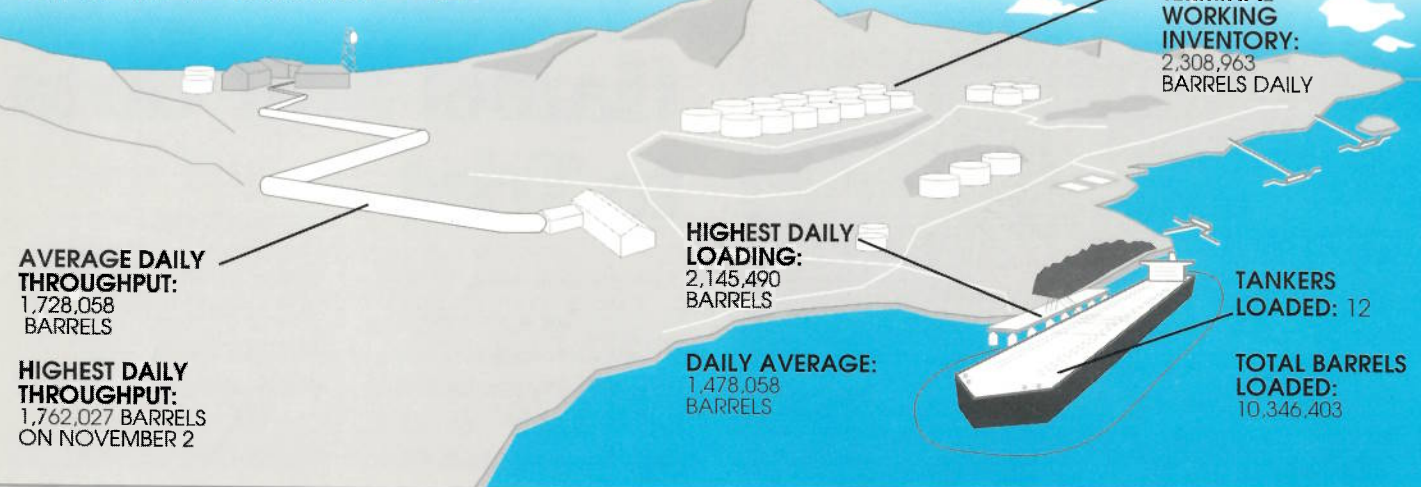
**Darlene King** From Administrative Assistant to Senior Secretary II in Materials Services

## DEPARTURES

**Terri Bagron**  
Projects

**Carol Hafferman**  
Human Resources

## OPERATIONS STATISTICS FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7



# The Insider

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## Dingell Hearings Focus on BLM Audit Report

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) audit report, publically released Wednesday, has been the focus of nationwide news reports and was a primary topic at the congressional hearing held by Congressmen John Dingell this week. The report, prepared for the BLM by Quality Technology Company, identified many deficiencies in the pipeline system, ranging from a "reactive" rather than "preventative mindset" at Alyeska, to thousands of electrical violations. The

report also identifies strengths, primary of which were our employees, and that about half the whistleblower complaints were unsubstantiated. Alyeska is carefully reviewing the report and will be working with the BLM to promptly and effectively correct the problems.

"Employees are asking what we intend to do about the report?" said President **David Pritchard**. "Some of the work needed to fix technical problems is already being done," he said, "and as soon

as we determine what else is needed, we'll get on with it."

Pritchard also said that some of the problems will take time to resolve. Establishing an effective Quality Assurance program and changing our culture to one that is safety rather than throughput oriented will take time and the commitment of all employees.

The congressional hearings on Wednesday were downlinked to seven

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## TAPS Assessment Hotline Goes On Line

Employees, contractors and the public can now contact the Arthur D. Little Company (ADL) with concerns about safety, environmental protection, compliance and other issues along the trans Alaska pipeline and at the Valdez Marine Terminal. A confidential 800 number has been established by Alyeska for ADL so callers can communicate their concerns in complete confidence.

**Rob Shoaf**, Manager, Federal Government Coordination, says the hot-

line is designed to provide absolute anonymity for anyone who contacts ADL. By dialing 800 353-2804, callers will be connected to a voice messaging system. The hotline operates 24 hours a day except between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time when an ADL associate will be on hand to talk directly with callers. Shoaf said confidentiality is completely assured with the hotline — neither Alyeska nor owner company representatives have availability to any of the

messages called in on the system.

The hotline is not an information center for the TAPS Assessment, Shoaf added. Updates or questions about the team's progress can be addressed to him at 8565 or to Tony Montrone, ADL Associate at 263-4010. The TAPS Assessment Hotline will remain in operation through July 1994, when the assessment is expected to be complete.

## Point MacIntyre Ups Throughput Rates

The trans-Alaska pipeline received a recent shot-in-the-arm when the Point MacIntyre field went on line October 14. The field, which is operated by Arco Alaska, was anticipated to produce 75,000 barrels each day, but reached 82,000 barrels the first full day of opera-

tion. Point Mac has steadily increased, and produced as much as 110,000 barrels on November 4. According to **Dave Houser**, Oil Movements Specialist, three wells are on line and a fourth is planned to become operational this week adding another 5,000 barrels per

day. Point Mac, combined with the Lisburne, North Prudhoe Bay and West Beach fields are metered through the Lisburne metering facility at Pump Station 1 before entering the trans Alaska pipeline.

# Dingell Hearings

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sites at Alyeska, allowing about 150 people to hear the proceedings. Owner representatives from BP, Arco, and Exxon testified before the U.S. House subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. The BLM, DOT, and members of the audit team also testified.

Owner representatives, Dick Olver, Chief Executive Officer, BP Exploration Western Hemisphere; Mike Bowlin, President and COO of Atlantic Richfield Co.; and Harry Longwell, President of Exxon Co. U.S.A., said they support Pritchard in his efforts and are

committed to providing the resources needed to fix the problems covered in the

way, including those required to meet BLM expectations.

Because it is difficult to summarize the full report, including the strengths, deficiencies and whistle blowing allegations employees are encouraged to review its executive summary and other documents.

Executive summaries of the BLM report are available in the Corporate Communications Library, Bragaw II/3. Unedited videotapes of the hearing will be available in the library for check-out

next Monday. A set of the videotapes will be sent to each pipeline district and to Valdez. Typed transcripts will also be prepared and may be available next week.

Questions about the BLM audit report or the hearing this week in Washington D.C. can be directed to **Rob Shoaf**, Manager, Federal Government Coordination, at 8565 or through the BLM Audit PROFS account.

The TAPS Improvement Plan will be introduced to Alyeska employees next week at the Employee Conference, and more information about the plan will be included in next week's edition of *The Insider*.

Pritchard extends thanks to each employee who went to extraordinary ef-

audit report, and implement the TAPS Improvement Plan. That plan includes strengthening Alyeska leadership, simplifying the owner's oversight structure, and implementing the initiatives now under-

forts to assisted the BLM audit team and gathered materials for the owner hearing this week in Washington D.C. Their efforts are very much appreciated, he said.

## Pipeline Shutdown Underscores "Safety First" Philosophy

Pipeline operations were systematically shut down recently following a communications failure between the Operations Control Center (OCC) and 10 Remote Gate Valves (RGVs) that are located between Valdez and Pump Station 12. Events started at 1:46 a.m. October 29 when RGV 123 began transmitting garbled noise to a nearby repeater. Built-in safeguards shut down the repeater after three minutes. OCC controllers were not 100 percent sure that the RGVs would respond to commands if an emergency were to occur so an orderly shut down of the pipeline was ordered. Producers were asked to stop Pump Station 1 deliveries during the pipeline shutdown to prevent opacity violations at the station.

Personnel from Pump Station 12 and

the Valdez Marine Terminal were sent to monitor the RGVs while SCADA and Alascom searched for a solution to the problem. The Alascom VHF radio and systronics master station interaction

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-John Dayton

was found to be the cause. The unit was reset, and throughput restarted 20 minutes after the shutdown. Follow-up testing determined OCC and Pump Station 12 did have RGV control capabilities at all times.

**John Dayton**, Senior Vice President, Operations, said although there may not have been an immediate safety threat to personnel or the pipeline, the shutdown was a prudent move and underscores Alyeska's focus on safety, environmental protection and regulatory compliance.

"First and foremost in the operation of the pipeline is the safety of our people. Throughput is no longer king — no one will question any measure taken to prevent an accident," Dayton said. "In recent weeks we've had several occasions to test this new mindset along the pipeline, and I commend OCC for their reaction, and those at Pump Station 3, 4 and 6 for their recent actions taken in response to equipment and safety system malfunctions as well," he added.

## Grazing Moose Create Richardson Highway Hazard

Moose enjoying the last easy meals of the year along the Richardson Highway have created hazards for travelers on the road. Newly-planted grass that was re-seeded following summer road maintenance, combined with road salts laid down during early fall snows have created a grazing

temptation that the moose find hard to resist. Pipeline People, whether on business or personal time, should keep a sharp watch for moose alongside or on the road, scanning the shoulders and medians at least a hundred yards ahead to prevent any unwanted encounter.



## Lapella Receives SERVS Employee of the Month Honor

**Pete Lapella**, Prince William Sound Response Supervisor, was named Employee of the Month for September. Lapella is an original member of the Ship Escort and Response Vessel System (SERVS), having been with the organization since it started up in 1989. He has served in many capacities including vessel and support crew supervisor and operations assistant.

SERVS Manager **Jim McHale** said

Lapella's recent accomplishments include participation in the modification and re-mounting of the Marflex Arm Deployment System on the response barge Energizer. He said Lapella's work was professional and thorough as he coordinated the effort with the barge owners, naval architects and the Alyeska project group. McHale added that Lapella's work has resulted in a safe and fully-functional skimming system for the response group.



## Exxon Settlement Approaches

A lawsuit filed by Exxon objecting to portions of Alyeska's \$98 million settlement with private plaintiffs is nearing a ruling in U.S. District Court in Anchorage. According to **Rob Shoaf**, Manager, Federal Government Coordination, Exxon sued in August to block and restructure the settlement so Exxon would not be precluded from

being reimbursed by Alyeska for money paid by Exxon to claimants of the Exxon Valdez oil spill settlement. Judges H. Russell Holland and Brian Shortell signed the orders granting approval of the settlement; however, Holland has not yet ruled on the three motions concerning Exxon's objections. Shoaf said the ruling is expected soon.

## Hamel Suit Goes to Trial

A lawsuit filed by oil industry critic Charles Hamel against Alyeska Pipeline and others goes to trial next week before Judge Stanley Sporkin in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. The suit seeks damages resulting from the 1990 Alyeska investigation to determine the source of leaked Alyeska attorney/client privileged documents. Hamel alleges, among other things, that certain aspects of the investigation were an invasion of his privacy. The suit also names BP, ARCO, Exxon,

Exxon Corporation, Wackenhut, former Alyeska Security Manager Pat Wellington, and former Wackenhut investigators Wayne Black and Rick Lund. **Lon Trotter**, Assistant General Counsel, will be overseeing Alyeska's defense. Bob Jordan will defend against the charges for Alyeska; former U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civaletti, will head the defense for Wackenhut. The trial is expected to last at least six weeks.



## Kimls Retire, Hit the Road for Florida

**Ed Kiml**, Valdez Security and Aviation Supervisor; retired this fall after 15 years with Alyeska. His wife **Pat Kiml**, Senior Secretary, also decided to call it quits after two careers with the company.

Both began working for the company in Anchorage but later moved to Valdez. The pair plan to point their motorhome south and hit the road for their new home in Venice, Florida.

## Pipeline Relevelled Near Summit Lake

A section of buried mainline pipe was recently uncovered and relevelled east of Summit Lake at Milepost 612.5 near Pump Station 10. The two-week long \$750,000 operation began with excavating and exposing a 150-foot section of the pipeline. Lateral restraints were installed to stabilize the pipe while the operation was underway. The protective coating was removed, and the pipe was inspected. Some corrosion was found and repaired before the releveling operation began. Several Huge airbags were used to lift the pipe on the upstream and downstream sides of the stress point. Once the pipe was leveled, it was recoated and a sand/cement slurry poured beneath the pipe to stabilize it and provide permanent support before the line was reburied.

The curvature was discovered using new pigging technology that measures pipeline curvature. Analysis of the data from the June 1992 Nowsco pig run

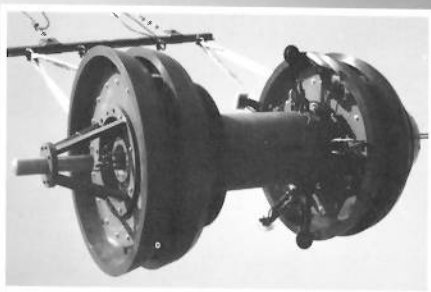


*Airbags like the one at the extreme lower right of this photo were used to level the pipe. Surveyors measured the position of the pipe during releveling, and lateral restraints kept the pipe from slipping sideways during the operation.*

showed the pipe was under increased curvature, but there was no imminent threat to pipeline integrity. Another seven areas have been evaluated and data from another site is still being analyzed. The focus of the evaluation is on determining the ex-

tent of the curvature and pipe stability at the sites. So far the analysis does not indicate a need for remedial action at any of the other locations.

Photo by Steve Sorensen



*Aircraft technology is used to tell the Nowsco pig the exact position of the pipe.*

Cutting edge technology is being used at Alyeska to find mainline pipe curvature. The pipe at Milepost 612 was pinpointed by the Nowsco curvature pig. The pig uses a state-of-the-art inertial navigation system from commercial and military industries. According to **Michael Cox**, Engineer III, the Nowsco pig claims accuracy within one foot in every 2000 feet — Alyeska's results have actually been better, he said.

Once the pig is inside the pipeline, control points along the way help conform the INS readings and show locations where the pipe has curvature. The first run of the Nowsco pig was in 1992; another run was made in May to confirm the readings from the first run. Cox said using the pig to detect curvature is a totally new procedure, and Alyeska is one of the first pipeline companies to use the Nowsco curvature pig to that extent.

## Alyeska Advertising Earns Awards for Excellence

Alyeska's "Pipeline People" advertising campaign was recognized for quality, effectiveness and creativity last week by the Advertising Federation of Alaska. The kudos were received during the organization's annual Best of the North Awards banquet. The "Bonnie" awards are the advertising equivalent of the "Oscars."

For the second year in a row, the Pipeline People spots were awarded the Bonnie for best television campaign. A Bonnie was also received for the "Holiday" spot, which will be broadcast again during the holidays this year.

Best of the North merit awards were received for the music featured in the advertisement featuring **Linda Lee**.



Marine Technician. Merit awards were also received for the Operations Control Center spot, and another merit award for

the entire campaign which featured four 60 second spots.

The advertising campaign was produced for Alyeska by Bradley/Reid Communications of Anchorage under the direction of **Beverly Michaels**, Corporate Communications Manager, and **Linda Powell**, Senior Corporate Communications Analyst. Producing the spot at Bradley/Reid were Terri Burmester, Allyson Wright and Debi Florey. Film work was performed by Mark Brinster of Brinster and Associates in Anchorage.

## Changes Make Visitor Access Easier at Information Sites

Visitor pavilions and information centers along the pipeline were upgraded this fall to make access easier for visitors with physical disabilities. The project complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, but according to Construction Supervisor **Terry Casdorff**, goes beyond the minimum requirements of the act by providing landscaping and an architecturally pleasing appearance.

Visitor information pavilions are located at Pump Station 1, the north bank of the Yukon River, at Fox (near Fairbanks), across the highway from Pump Station 12 and also at the Valdez Marine Terminal. They provide an opportunity for visitors to learn about Alyeska and the trans Alaska pipeline. Thousands of visitors use the facilities each year and the Fox visitor center is the third most visited tourist attraction in the state.



*Norcon Laborers **Mike Linden** and **Dennis Kendall** worked through the cold autumn rains to construct the disabled access ramp at the Yukon River visitor information pavilion.*

Ramps were constructed at all locations—the ramp at Pump Station 12 was almost 150 feet long. Also included in the project were handrails, decks and sitting areas. Work began in August and was wrapped up by October. Construction cost at each location was \$150,000.

The modifications were made by baseline pipeline and civil maintenance (P&CM) crews.

Work at Pump Station 1 was overseen by P&CM Supervisors **Steve Rettke** and **Jim Criner**; at Pump Station 6 by **Larry Ladd** and **Ron Miller**; and at Pump Station 12 by **Jon Globig** and **John Camacho**. Work at Fox was directed by **Randy Smith**, Pump Station 8 P&CM Supervisor. **Tim Bridgman** was the Project Manager for the entire project.

Ladd reported at one point

during construction of the ramp at the Yukon River, a man in a motorized wheel chair stopped by to watch the construction and was happy to see Alyeska making the modifications. Northern District Manager **Lee Jones** also reports a physically-challenged person used the new access ramp at the Pump Station 1 visitor pavilion on the first day it was installed.

# Quality Services Becomes Inspection Services

Alyeska's Quality Services department recently received a name change to better reflect its mission and responsibilities, and to clarify the group's role within the company. The group is now called Inspection Services.

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"We want our new name to clearly describe exactly what it is we do. This should reduce the confusion concerning Quality Assurance and Quality Control," said **Steve Newcomer**, Inspection Services Manager.

He said much of the confusion was because many thought the group was responsible for the quality of a work product. Newcomer underscored that every employee is responsible for making sure quality is an integral part of all our work. He

said Inspection Services will emphasize that point as they work to integrate inspection requirements into work plans and improve the inspection process at Alyeska.

Inspection Services from Pump Station 1 to the Valdez Marine Terminal may have different clients but all serve the same basic functions:

- Assist with inspection planning
- Provide technical recommendations for inspection
- Perform inspections
- Clearly and accurately document inspection activities in a timely manner
- Verify the quality of Alyeska work product to requirements
- Track non-conforming conditions until they are corrected.

# Alyeska Honors Long-Term Employees

Long-term Alyeska employees with 15, 20 and 30 years of service with the company were honored at a banquet held November 3 at the Anchorage Hilton. In all, 65 pipeline people were recognized including 56 employees with 15 years of service, seven with 20 years and two employees with 30 years of service.

In addition to the service award recipients and their guests, the banquet was attended by the Leadership and Wider Leadership Teams and Human Resources workers. The banquet was coordinated by **Dawn Button**, Administrative Assistant, and **Barbara DeMattia**, Labor Relations Analyst. Assisting during the banquet were **Mel Ackerman**, Human Resources Field Representative; **Carrie Agibinik**, EEO/AAP Analyst; **Valarie Allmon**, Senior Administrative Assistant; **Loree Bedford**, Administrative Assistant; **Renee Choate**, Administrative Secretary II; and **Jane Thomas**, Personnel Administration Analyst.

A commemorative poster was produced for the event by the Reprographics Unit featuring photos of most of the recognized employees. The colorful poster was designed and illustrated by **Amy Murrell-Haunold**, Graphics Illustrator II. Photos were taken by **Joe Yelverton**, Reproduction Operator III, and the poster was printed by **Jim Cannon**, Press Operator. The poster is reproduced, in a much smaller scale, in this issue of *The Insider*.

**Kathy Carr**, Employee Relations/Diversity Group Leader, said one of the evening's highlights was a videotape program produced by **Tracy Green**, video and communications Specialist. The program featured many of the recipients and recognized their accomplishments. **Peggy Adkins**, Corporate Communications Librarian, oversaw reproduction of the video program.

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Rick White Ron Miller Ted Payment Tom Turnipseed

## Safety Statistics

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