

## **Alyeska restarts pipeline after scheduled maintenance shutdown**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Trans Alaska Pipeline System was safely restarted at approximately 1:35 p.m. Sunday, August 1, following a successful pipeline maintenance shutdown. All work was performed safely during the shutdown which involved over 250 people in planned maintenance tasks.

Key work activities included replacement of a 36-inch valve at Pump Station 9, replacement of the gas supply lines to the Pump Station 3 and Pump Station 4 turbine generators, and replacement of the six-inch bypass piping on a check valve near Pump Station 1. Numerous additional work tasks were conducted at the pump stations and the Valdez Marine Terminal. All work was completed on or ahead of schedule allowing for an early pipeline restart.

The major maintenance shutdowns are a significant part of Alyeska's ongoing pipeline integrity management program, and a significant investment of resources dedicated to operating and maintaining the Trans Alaska Pipeline System. Alyeska conducts line-wide shutdowns annually to allow maintenance crews time to work on projects simultaneously along the pipeline and at the Valdez Marine Terminal. Shutdowns typically coincide with producers' routine maintenance on equipment and facilities on the North Slope.

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**About Alyeska:** Alyeska operates the 800-mile Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), which runs from Prudhoe Bay on the North Slope south to the Port of Valdez, the northernmost ice-free port in the United States. The pipeline crosses three mountain ranges and 34 major rivers and streams. Alyeska operates out of Anchorage, Fairbanks and Valdez and at various facilities along the line. Alyeska was created to construct, operate, and maintain TAPS for the owner companies. The current TAPS owners are BP Pipelines (Alaska), ConocoPhillips Transportation Alaska Inc., ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, Unocal Pipeline Company Inc., and Koch Alaska Pipeline Company LLC.

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