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Dear Landowner and Neighbor:

We are pleased to provide you with the enclosed brochure about the Trans Alaska Pipeline System Right-of-Way.

Because you live or work near the pipeline's Right-of-Way, Alyeska Pipeline wants you to have information that will help keep you safe and protect the Alaska environment. Sharing this information supports our ongoing commitment to safety and the requirements of our Public Awareness Program. The brochure also contains useful information regarding activities in or near the TAPS Right-of-Way.

Please review the information carefully, keep it handy, and contact Alyeska if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Director, Corporate Communications

Enclosure

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RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW)

An assemblage of property rights — comprising an unobstructed strip of land — for the construction, operation and maintenance of a pipeline including access.

The owners of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) acquired the ROW that stretches the 800 miles from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez. The ROW width varies from 54 to 300 feet. Alyeska, the operator for the TAPS owners, keeps the ROW clear to ensure safe operations.

Land use within the ROW is not necessarily limited to TAPS, and the landowners retain a legal interest in the underlying properties. These reserved rights include the right to permit other compatible uses of the property. Although building on the ROW is prohibited by the legal agreements, under certain conditions the ROW may be crossed by driveways, roads and utility lines. In these instances, Alyeska will work with the landowner to accommodate construction if feasible.

Property taxes for the TAPS ROW area within a given property are paid by the TAPS Owners. In many cases, the ROW provides a buffer between neighboring properties.

The ROW is depicted on the original ROW As-built Plats (1977) and is also depicted on many of the affected subdivision plats. The buried pipeline location itself is marked at public road crossings and other locations by a variety of signs including black-on-yellow, 10-inch circular "Pipeline" and black-on-orange rectangular "Milepost" signs.

ENCROACHMENT

Any excavation, structure, use or activity that is prohibited in the ROW agreements or regulation or could otherwise interfere with Alyeska's ability to safely and efficiently operate and maintain TAPS..

Alyeska permits some of the following encroachments:

Driveways, utility and road crossings may be permitted, depending upon traffic usage relative to the depth-of-cover over the pipeline, angle of approach and drainage.

Fences may be permitted if gated with a 16-foot minimum opening and marked with reflective safety tape.

Storage of materials may be permitted if neat, temporary and quickly removable.

Trees and shrubs may be permitted if low and sparse.



PERMITTING

Proposed encroachments are reviewed to determine compatibility with safety, security, operation, and response efficiency in accordance with ROW agreements, public agency codes and industry standards.

If compatible, a written encroachment agreement is signed documenting the roles and responsibilities of the landowners and Alyeska in use and management of the encroachment.

Before you engage in or arrange for the following activities in the ROW, please contact Alyeska to initiate an encroachment review process:

- Any type of excavation (including airknife or post holes) except surface blading or shallow tilling.
- Installing any structure or device below grade.
- Placement of fill material (e.g. gravel or dirt).
- Constructing or installing above grade structures.
- Moving heavy equipment along or across the ROW other than at approved crossings.



For more information regarding possible encroachment activities along the ROW, contact Alyeska's Lands group:

The Lands Group can be reached at 907.787.8945 or 907.787.8170. If you have difficulty reaching someone during regular business hours, contact 907.787.8870.

In an emergency, dial 911.



What to do in case of a pipeline-related emergency



800 miles long, the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) is designed and operated to the highest standards to safely transport crude oil from the North Slope to Valdez. The TAPS corridor passes through the communities of Coldfoot, Fox, Fairbanks, North Pole, Moose Creek, Delta, Glennallen and Valdez. Residents play an important role in keeping TAPS safe.

RECOGNIZING A LEAK

If you are near the pipeline during an emergency, you may detect an oil or natural gas leak by:

SMELL - Crude oil may have an odor similar to fuel oil or gasoline. Natural gas leaks may be detected by a pungent, rotten egg or sulfur odor.

SIGHT - A pool of dark liquid or discolored vegetation near the pipeline may indicate a crude oil leak. Dense white cloud or fog and flames may indicate a natural gas leak.

SOUND - An unusual noise, hissing or roaring sound may be a sign of a leak.

IF A LEAK OCCURS:

- Do not approach the spill, leak or vapor cloud.
- Leave the area immediately.
- Do not touch leaking liquids or breathe leaking gas vapors.
- Do not create sparks, light matches, start an engine, switch on a light, use a camera flash or cellular telephone. These actions may ignite the leaked or spilled substance.
- Warn others nearby of the possibility of a pipeline release. Provide your name, location, description of the leak or possible leak and information on how you can be contacted. From a safe location, call collect at (907) 835-4709.
- You may also contact 911 or other local emergency response numbers.

ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE CO. CONTACT INFORMATION

Alyeska's Damage Prevention Program is a risk management tool designed to eliminate accidents along the TransAlaska Pipeline System. This information is for use by landowners and anyone else involved in land development activities, including excavation or construction, near the pipeline.

Keep the following numbers handy:

In an emergency call 911

or call Alyeska collect
at 907.835.4709
to speak with pipeline representatives.

For information on development
along the pipeline

call 811

to reach a centralized call center
established to enable the public,
contractors, utilities and other excavators
to contact Alyeska about digging activities.



For general information:
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DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Guidelines for Property Development
along the Trans-Alaska Pipeline

www.alYESKA-pipe.com



"Nobody Gets Hurt"