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## TAPS Safe Restart July 17, 2011

The Trans Alaska Pipeline System was safely restarted at approximately 3:30 PM Sunday (AST) following a successful planned pipeline maintenance shutdown. Major projects included work at Pump Station 4 south of Prudhoe Bay and at Pump Station 11 (now the Glennallen Response Base) near Glennallen.

- At Pump Station 4, a 48" diameter 62,000 pound valve and a 36" diameter 26,000 pound valve used to redirect the flow of crude oil inside the pump station were replaced as part of planned maintenance. The valves are part of the system that enables the station to receive and launch inline cleaning and inspection devices known as "pigs."
- Near Glennallen, at the Pump Station 11 site, piping to accommodate a pump station was installed as part of original construction but the pump station itself was never built. During the shutdown, the legacy pipe and valves were replaced with new "straight line" pipe to eliminate the potential for corrosion in the unused "dead leg" piping.
- Other work included maintenance work on several mainline valves and work at several pump stations and the Valdez Marine Terminal, including valve maintenance, annual electrical system maintenance and inspections, and modifications to the LEFM (Leading Edge Flow Monitoring) equipment at Pump Station 3, Pump Station 8, and Pump Station 11.

"My thanks and congratulations to everyone across TAPS involved in this successful effort," said Mike Joyner, Senior VP for Operations. "The work this weekend was an outstanding example of Flawless Operations and Maintenance and a fine demonstration of TAPS teamwork."

This year's major shutdown was scheduled to last 36 hours and was completed ahead of schedule.

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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, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, Unocal Pipeline Company, and Koch Alaska Pipeline Company.

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