

Oil Industry Job Training Underway

JUNEAU—Implementation of the Stevens-Miller program for providing disadvantaged Alaskans with employment opportunities in the oil industry is well underway, Governor Keith H. Miller reported.

“Senator Ted Stevens has obtained the cooperation of oil companies in an industry-government sponsored training course at Mt. Edgecumbe this summer,” the Governor said.

According to Governor Miller, the oil industry will supply instructors for the technical portions of the course as well as equipment and educational materials. The State will provide other necessary training resources, and the Bureau of Indian

Affairs has donated the use of Mt. Edgecumbe facilities.

Miller said preliminary plans for the 10-week oil industry orientation program were hammered out at a meeting of oil industry representatives and State and Federal officials. The meeting was held this week in Juneau.

The Governor added that the training program will include orientation, product knowledge, tools, materials handling, instruction on field operations and equipment, instrumentation, trouble-shooting, communications, and camp services.

Representatives of the office of Vocational Education and the oil industry will share the teaching duties, and the Department of Labor will do the recruiting. Classes will begin in June.

“This vitally needed program will do much to give our disadvantaged citizens an opportunity to obtain jobs in the oil industry,” the Governor noted. “I am personally pleased with the cooperation that the oil industry has extended to this worthwhile venture.”