

# Prudhoe

## DEIS done

A draft environmental impact statement has been published concerning the proposed Prudhoe Bay Waterflood Project. The two-volume report released by the Corps of Engineers will be the subject of a public meeting July 15 in Barrow.

The DEIS discusses a variety of possible effects of the \$2 billion proposal to inject water from the Beaufort Sea into the oil wells at Prudhoe Bay. The project, which is expected to provide a means to recover an additional one billion barrels of crude oil from the Petroleum reserve, is considered a major action having significant impacts on the environment.

The Corps will use the impact statement in evaluating permit applications from two petroleum companies who plan to construct the project in North Slope wetlands and waters of the Beaufort Sea. The effects of the project on fish and wildlife are discussed in the statement as are the effects on the subsistence lifestyle and other aspects of the culture of the people in the region.