

Petrochemical Study Progress Report

A SUMMARY FOR ALASKANS

The Alaska petrochemical study being conducted by The Dow-Shell Group of companies is moving into its final stages before a report is prepared and submitted to the State next September.

Much has been accomplished during the last nine months. Plant designs have been analyzed; prospective sites have been identified for intensive study; pipeline routes have been selected; cost estimates have been made; environmental assessments have been compiled; and manpower and construction requirements have been determined.

While much has been accomplished, much more work needs to be done before the primary mission of the study is completed. This primary mission is to determine if it is economically feasible to build a world-scale petrochemical industry in Alaska that is based on the state's natural resources and to find out if it can be operated in a way that the social, economic and environmental impacts of such an industry are acceptable to Alaskans.

Products which the petrochemical industry plants might manufacture in Alaska are now made throughout the world and are ship-

ped and used as standard items of commerce everywhere. The technology for producing and using these materials safely is well known by the companies who would build and operate these plants. All of these materials are used daily by industry to make hundreds of products which make all of our lives more healthy and comfortable.

All the plants being considered for Alaska will meet or be better than the many state and federal environmental laws and regulations. No variances will be required and there will be no need for hazardous waste landfill dumpsites.

The State is currently surveying public attitudes toward the project. Many citizens committees and groups are very much involved. We hope you will also want to get the facts and become involved.

If you wish more information about the study project, or if you wish to have a speaker meet with your organization to discuss it in more detail, please call or write The Dow-Shell Group study headquarters in Anchorage.

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