

Texas Co. Violates N. Slope Safety Code

JUNEAU—A Texas-based geophysical company entered a plea of nolo contendere to four violations of the State's safety code in Fairbanks District Court last week.

Presiding Judge Hugh H. Connolly heard the case on March

26. The Department of Labor had filed charges stating that the company's work camp on the North Slope did not meet several of the health and safety provisions in the code.

Judge Connolly levied a \$500 fine but suspended it on the condition that the camp be brought up to standards required by the code and that the company otherwise comply with all laws and regulations governing the operation of its camps on the Slope.

The judge ordered the firm to provide more sleeping area for each of its employees and to furnish them with "suitable" bedding instead of sleeping bags.

He also ordered the company to gather and dispose of all garbage and waste at the camp by transporting it away or installing an incinerator approved by the Department of Health and Welfare's Environmental Health Division.

According to Commissioner of Labor, Thomas J. Moore, the charges were brought against the firm after a number of inspections at the camp had failed to gain the company's cooperation in meeting safety code standards.

Assistant District Attorney Lyle Carlson represented the State during the court hearing.