

Pipeline transports 5 billionth barrel

The five billionth barrel of crude oil to be transported through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline was received at the pipeline's Marine Terminal at Valdez at 5:28 a.m., Sept. 15.

The oil, from oil fields on Alaska's North Slope, left Pump Station 1 of the pipeline there last week, and completed the 800-mile journey to the terminus of the line in a little more than five and a half days, at an average speed of about 6 miles an hour.