



1979 was just the beginning

This is the first in a series of reports designed to keep you informed of progress on the Alaska Highway Pipeline Project. Following is a brief review of key Alaskan activities carried out last year:

\$9 Million in Alaskan Contracts

In 1979 Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company spent \$10 million in Alaska to advance plans for building the Alaska Highway Natural Gas Pipeline Project. This includes \$9 million in contracts issued to Alaskan businesses. Most of these contracts were for engineering programs and environmental studies in preparation for pipeline construction.

Expanded Alaskan Operations

Northwest expanded its Alaskan operations in 1979 by opening an office in Anchorage for government

liaison personnel and by expanding the Fairbanks headquarters office facilities for increased staffing anticipated in 1980.

Test Facility Completed

A \$7 million frost heave test facility was completed just outside Fairbanks and Northwest began pipe testing operations to assure construction of the safest and most reliable gas pipeline system possible.

State Agencies Funded

Nearly \$1 million was spent in Alaska by Northwest to fund state agencies working on the gasline. These agencies include the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the State Pipeline Coordinator's office.

Environmental Studies

Northwest spent nearly \$1/4 million with the University of Alaska for environmental research, including sandhill crane migration and waterfowl studies and archaeological surveys. The company also contracted with private Alaskan firms to conduct additional studies of fish, animals, sharp-tailed grouse, and birds, including the peregrine falcon, the only endangered species along the pipeline corridor.

Public Meetings

Northwest and the State Pipeline Coordinator's office held meetings in communities along the gasline corridor to obtain information from residents that will be used by the company in developing effective socioeconomic programs. In addition,

The Department of the Interior held a series of public meetings in Barrow, Fairbanks and Anchorage so that Alaskans could comment on proposed affirmative action plans to ensure employment and contracting opportunities for minorities and women on the Alaskan gasline.

These are just some of the things Northwest Alaskan has been doing in Alaska to prepare for pipeline construction. And 1979 was just the beginning. A great deal more is planned for 1980 as we help put Alaska's Energy to Work.

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