

# You must pass a drug test to help clean oil

All potential employees seeking work on the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill cleanup must pass drug tests prior to employment.

Workers who were quickly put on the job following the oil spill are also being tested as they return to work shifts from R and R, according to Veco President Pete Leathard.

As part of pre-hire training, potential employees are told they will be tested. They are also asked to sign a release agreeing to submit to testing whenever requested.

The testing is performed by Smith-Cline labs. Urine specimens are collected by trained employees. Bottles are sealed, initialed by the employee, and a chain of custody is maintained to guarantee the sample is not tampered with, Leathard said.

The tests are designed to look for amphetamines, methamphetamines, barbiturates, secobarbital, marijuana cocaine, opiates, morphine, codeine and phencyclidine.