

ANCHORAGE, AK. — A BP-Alaska, Inc., vehicle pauses while a few stragglers of part of the Porcupine Caribou herd cross a raised gravel road on Alaska's gas and oil-rich Prudhoe Bay field. While permanent roads over permafrost ground must be raised to protect the tundra, no permanent roads will be needed to construct the buried, 2,600-mile Arctic Gas pipeline to take North Slope and Canadian Mackenzie Delta natural gas to market. Construction of the large diameter pipeline will be accomplished from special winter-build snow roads which will melt away the following summer.