

# To Protect North Slope Environment

The Alaska Oil and Gas Association today announced approval of a strong statement of policy to protect the North Slope environment.

The Alaska Oil and Gas Association also promised full and complete support to the State and Federal Agencies seeking to enlist the cooperation of the petroleum industry in operations involving Arctic environmental problems.

In approving a policy of cooperation, the Alaska Oil and Gas Association approved unanimously the first phase of the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska's proposal to:

(1) Establish at the University of Alaska an Arctic information retrieval and transfer system (with bibliographic and abstract service to subscribers) covering Arctic environmental data and scientific and technological knowledge pertinent to the environment generally, to natural resources, to Arctic engineering and construction, and to factors of human adaptation, health, etc.

(2) Express an interest in subscribing to the service, once established, and an indication of willingness to contribute information gathered by the industry which is not privileged or classified for internal company use only.

(3) Endorsed the need and desirability of joint industry-federal-state-university environmental programming and agreement to proceed with; (a) the cooperative planning and programming of efforts to secure new environmental knowledge on the Arctic in accordance with joint determinations of need and priority (b) the cooperative resolution of potential environmental conflicts.