

# Oil companies invest \$1 billion in gas handling

BP, ARCO, Exxon, Phillips, Mobil and Chevron, principal owners of the Prudhoe Bay oil field in Alaska, recently announced a plan to invest more than \$1 billion in additional gas-handling facilities on Alaska's North Slope.

The additional gas-handling facilities are expected to increase Prudhoe Bay liquids production by some 10,000 barrels a day starting in 1995 and will result in the recovery of additional liquids in the range of 330-450 million barrels over the life of the field.

The field's two operators, BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. and ARCO Alaska Inc. also agreed to undertake a joint review of operations to reduce operating costs by sharing common services and other cooperative efforts to increase operating efficiency.

The gas facilities handle gas that is produced with the oil from the Prudhoe Bay field and re-inject it into the reservoir. This latest project is expected to increase the field's gas-handling rate to an average of 7.5 billion cubic feet per day.