

## 10/2/08 Release of Questions/Answers to Website

The following questions and answers are items discussed during the meetings on October 1<sup>st</sup>. More information will follow as additional questions are evaluated and answers developed.

Q Will agencies be informed of questions asked by shippers and vice versa?

A *This website contains questions and answers from both the morning (shippers, potential shippers, lease holders and TAPS connectors) and afternoon (TAPS and Owner regulatory agencies) informational sessions.*

Q Will TAPS be able to transport crude oil after 2030?

Q What are Alyeska's plans to conduct a study to address low flow concerns from 2030 and beyond?

A *TAPS will be operated as long as safety and integrity can be assured and it is economic to transport ANS crude to market by TAPS. It should be noted that many factors outside the control of the TAPS Owners and Alyeska impact the economics of producing, shipping and refining ANS.*

Q What is the timeline for this project?

Q When will the first major low flow investment occur and how much will it cost?

A *The timing of the need for investment will be dependent on the future rate of decline in throughput. If the decline in TAPS throughput remains consistent with historical trends, and if our studies confirm that investment is required, we expect the first major investment to occur within the next five years. However, this is subject to change dependent on further study. Because there is significant uncertainty about the best approach to remediating the impacts of low flow, we cannot estimate the amount of investment that will be required without further studies.*

Q If crude is delivered at a higher temperature to PS1 will the wax, viscosity and freezing water problems be solved?

A *The increase in temperature may help to ameliorate the wax, viscosity and freezing water problems, but our studies to date indicate that it will not alone suffice to preclude or significantly delay investments in other remediation efforts that will be required.*

Q When will the TAPS Carriers and Alyeska provide another update?

A *The second phase of the low flow studies is underway. The TAPS Owners and Alyeska will provide future updates as information becomes available that may impact crude quality specifications or require a major investment as appropriate. This website will be updated as answers to questions submitted either at the meetings or by the link on this website are developed. Questions will be taken on or before October 31, 2008. Notification will be given on this website when the last question and answer is posted.*