

# **The Trans Alaska Pipeline System**

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# TAPS facts



- 800 miles long, 48" diameter
- Begins in Prudhoe Bay
- Ends in Valdez
- Constructed 420 miles aboveground, 380 miles belowground
- Crosses three major mountain ranges
- Designed with earthquake protection; withstood 7.9 quake in 2002
- Has delivered more than 16 billion barrels of Alaska North Slope Crude









# Current Challenge

## Steadily Declining Throughput



Dipstick below the ADD OIL LINE, 5–7% Annual Decline

