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## Governor honors AES-Houston Contracting Company’s safety record

*By Rachel Mentzel, AES-Houston Contracting Company HSET Director*

Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell has honored ASRC Energy Services-Houston Contracting Company with the Governor’s Safety Award of Excellence for the third time.

At a ceremony held March 24 at Anchorage’s Dena’ina Civic and Convention Center, AES HCC received the award for its Valdez Project Group, which had a spotless safety record during the award’s eligibility period. We were previously honored in 1998 and 2009.

The governor’s recognition of our efforts is a byproduct of our daily commitment to incident-free project execution from everyone in the company. AES HCC has consistently set the bar for safe, environmentally sound, quality work in service of Alyeska Pipeline Service Company at the Valdez Marine Terminal, fostering a culture of “Nobody Gets Hurt.”

To that end, AES HCC has implemented an employee safety committee, which cultivates employee buy-in and commitment to our safety programs.

And while the safety performance is indicative of strong leadership by AES HCC management, it is only through the dedication of our employees that we are able to earn awards like this. Every employee completes a Safe Performance Self Assessment before beginning any task; the Hazard Recognition Card program allows anyone to identify safety hazards in their work area; and employees are involved in developing and using Job Loss Analyses to ensure that hazards are identified and controlled for all tasks.

Together, AES HCC’s Valdez Project Group has achieved a tremendous safety record, and we are very proud to receive the Governor’s Safety Award for Excellence.



# CHOPS Project Goes Live

By Jim Curtis, PE



During a time when pressure increases for new oil in the pipeline, BPXA reports that CHOPS went live in mid-April. CHOPS, which stands for Cold Heavy Oil Production with Sand, is a pilot program to test the viability of Ugnu oil that is cold, high in viscosity, and contains sand. CHOPS is a solely-owned BP project located at Milne Point.

The ASRC Energy Services team provided detailed engineering and design on this project for the past five years. AES was also responsible for fabricating and installation many of the modules and interconnect piping. This makes AES the only Alaska-based energy-services company with heavy oil experience on the North Slope.

Congratulations to all who contributed to this research and development program.

## Smooth Process for Quality Updates at Omega

By Carla Williams, PMP

In December 2010, Omega Natchiq began updating procedures to fulfill a new requirement from Shell and BP. This project of updating procedures is being managed by AES Quality Department personnel in Anchorage and is expected to finish this summer.

Some major oil companies are requiring contractors to comply with ISO standards and compliance to technical specification 29001, which applies to the petroleum, petrochemical, and natural gas industries. ISO standards focus on:

- Understanding quality and engaging on all levels
- Understanding job requirements
- Auditing to ensure understanding and compliance to a defined standard or measurement



*Cordelia Kellie, left,  
and Carla Williams*



*Pictured left to right: Richard Jumonville, Technical Project Manager;  
Rickey Brown, General Manger Technical Division; Gary Buchanan, President;  
Provost Minvielle, General Manager Construction Division;  
Anthony Leger, Quality Control Manger*

## ConocoPhillips recognizes AES insulator as a Safety Ambassador

*By Don Voigt, CPAI Business Unit Operations Manager*

Murphy Smith, an insulator with AES's ConocoPhillips Alaska Business Unit Kuparuk team, has been named a ConocoPhillips Upstream Safety Ambassador.

The program recognizes Exploration & Production employees or long-term contractors who exemplify safety leadership in their business, across E&P, across the company or externally. Twenty-three Upstream Safety Ambassadors worldwide were recognized by ConocoPhillips in February.

Murphy has worked at Kuparuk on the AES team since November 2007 as an insulator/sheet metal fabricator and is also on the Corrosion-Under-Insulation team. He has worked diligently to prevent hazards related to soft tissue and eye injuries, and has performed his duties injury-free while serving as a safety leader to the group.

As an active member of the Behaviors Eliminate All Risk (BEAR) steering team at Kuparuk, Murphy represents Insulation Group 88. He brings information back to the morning toolbox meetings and encourages a safer workplace. Thanks in part to Murphy's efforts, the team achieved a 100 percent participation rate in BEAR, something that has never been accomplished with a group this size (more than 350 employees).

Murphy has been asked several times to facilitate the Kuparuk BEAR Steering Committee meetings and has done a tremendous job. He is also an instructor for the BEAR process and has taught refresher classes to employees. Murphy will soon complete his certification as a Safety-In-Motion trainer to help teach techniques to prevent soft tissue injuries. His attitude and willingness to be engaged on other safety related issues is always with positive energy.

Murphy is very deserving of the Safety Ambassador Award, and we are very proud to have him on our AES Team. He joins 2010 AES Safety Ambassador recipients Clyde Cossette and Curtis Sweep.

*Murphy Smith, second from left, receives congratulations from AES President and CEO Jeff Kinneveauk as he is presented the ConocoPhillips Upstream Safety Ambassador award. At far left is Helene Harding, CPAI Vice President for North Slope Operations and Development. At far right is Paul Dubuisson, CPAI North Slope Operations Manager.*



## Cross-training broadens understanding of project process

*By Annie Weber, EIT Mechanical Engineer*

In the spring of 2008 I graduated from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and in March of last year I secured a Mechanical Engineering position with ASRC Energy Services.

During the spring of 2011, I had the opportunity to cross-train within the AES Engineering division in different work groups, with the goal of providing an understanding of engineering projects as a whole. I worked with two non-engineering groups, Document Control and Project Controls, and two engineering groups outside of the mechanical engineering discipline – Process Engineers and Instrumentation and Control Engineers. I mentored with senior staff and gained experience and understanding of the role and responsibilities of the workgroup in the project life cycle.

By cross-training in these four groups I was able to understand how different disciplines of engineers and other project personnel work together. I came away with the knowledge of how other people contribute to the project and an understanding of how the project flows and the tasks each group completes to get engineering projects done. I also gained valuable connections with my co-workers, skills I will be able to use as a mechanical engineer and knowledge of how to accomplish my best in future projects.

I would recommend this type of training for EITs who are just entering the field and may not have a lot of experience with projects as a whole. For EITs who have been working a couple of years, they may have figured some or most of the concepts out, and may be interested in some clarification or extra details.

## Hill elected to Hall of Fame

Sam Hill, who is AES's Director of Shareholder Programs, was elected to the Alaska High School Hall of Fame in April.

Sam started his journey in the small community of Kiana, moved on to Kotzebue and eventually finished his high school career in Nikiski. He was a multi-sport athlete, often competing in two sports with overlapping seasons.

In his senior year, he was a state finalist in track, state runner-up in cross-country, helped his team to a state championship in basketball and was an All-State player, won the state championship in wrestling and was the only Class 3A boy named as the Anchorage Daily News Male Athlete of the Year. He also was a leader that demonstrated humility, supportive leadership and responsibility.

Sam went on to the University of Oregon and walked on to the cross-country and track teams. He earned three letters while at Oregon and served as team captain for cross-country.

Nine others were voted into the Hall, which will hold induction ceremonies on Aug. 7 in Anchorage. Joining Sam in the Class of 2011 are two-time Stanley Cup champion Scott Gomez, WNBA veteran Jessica Moore, World Cup and Olympic cross-country skier Kikkan Randall, Tom Huffer Jr., Sarah Sullivan Afoa, Woody Wenstrom, James Mason, Dick Mize, and Matt Henry.



# Scaffold team completes high-profile work

*By Glen Roy Payne,  
Scaffold Superintendent*

The AES FMP and Fabrication and Construction group based in Deadhorse recently completed work on two high-profile scaffolding jobs.

The crew, led by foremen Bart Mulder and Kalen Bourgeois, erected scaffolds for the Liberty fuel gas tie-in and the Liberty construction projects. During the last two years the crew has put more than 100,000 man-hours without so much as a minor first aid.

And while the Liberty project is on hold while engineering issues are worked out, we are confident the AES scaffold crew will be back on the job when construction restarts, thanks to our safety record, quality of work, and dedication of the crew.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone on the scaffold team.



## AES CFO top amateur triathlete in Hawaii event

*By Saadia DeJesus, Junior Technical Writer*

AES Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Jens Beck won the amateur division of the 2011 Lavaman Triathlon in Waikoloa, Hawaii, and finished in third place overall. Jens finished with a time of 1 hour, 57 minutes, 20 seconds. The annual triathlon includes a 0.9-mile swim, 24-mile bicycle race, and 6.2-mile run.

Jens has competed against professional triathletes for three years, placing in the top 10 each time, but this was his best overall finish. He has a long history of athletic accomplishments, which includes being an Eagle River Triathlon record holder and a two-time Ironman World Championship finisher.



## Employee spotlight: Matt Schilf

*By Steve Meyers, Well Testing Supervisor*

Matt Schilf’s ongoing tenure of more than 20 years with AES started at the Nikiski Fabrication Shop and continues today with the Well Testing group.

A native Chicagoan, Matt moved to Kenai in 1987, joining his sister in The Last Frontier. In 1990 he was hired on by AES and by the middle part of the decade was working his first rotational position, 2-and-2s at Trading Bay, when he ended up on the North Slope.

He’s been going up there ever since, and is now a key member of the Greater Prudhoe Bay Well Testing group, sizing all of our metering systems. Matt has literally designed from the ground up all of our internal data acquisition systems on our test units.

It’s just amazing what he has brought to this department. This department would not be where it’s at right now if not for him and his abilities. His work ethic is unmatched.

“I’ve been with this company a lot of years and they’ve always appreciated people who put in a good day’s work and aren’t afraid to get stuff done,” Matt says.

Matt continues to live in Kenai. He has a 17-year-old daughter.

## Employee Spotlight: Lazarus Ahkiviana

*By Sam Hill, Director of Shareholder Programs*

Lazarus Luther Ahkiviana joined AES as a roustabout on the North Slope after graduating from high school. He took advantage of available training opportunities and quickly proved himself.

After working and training for a little more than a year, Lazarus moved up to become a journeyman oiler at Alpine.

Now 22 and in his fifth year with AES, Lazarus has made the transition from adolescence in Nuiqsut – where his father, Archie, is a resident and elder – to a burgeoning career in the oil and gas industry.

One of the services available to Shareholders interested in following a path similar to Lazarus’ is the Nutaq Iisaqtuaq Program, which allows Shareholders the opportunity to build the fundamentals of a craft they can carry on to the future. It allows them to join the company in an entry level position, build work experience, and receive training.



## Intern program graduates three more

The AES Internship Program will have two new graduates this spring, bringing the total for this academic year to four.

Saadia DeJesus and Cordelia Kellie will earn their degrees from the University of Alaska-Anchorage in May. Kaare Erickson and Daphne Tagarook graduated in December.

After she picks up her bachelor's degree in Business Management with a minor in Accounting, Saadia will begin an internship with ASRC Federal in Washington, D.C. During her three years with AES she has supported the United Way campaign and the Accounting Department. She is currently an intern in Business Services. Saadia's parents are Carlos DeJesus and Emma Ferguson. She is from Barrow.

Cordelia is wrapping up a bachelor's degree in English emphasizing Language and Rhetoric, with a minor in Communication. She hopes to continue as a technical writer with Business Services, where she is presently interning. She previously interned in the HSET department. Cordelia's family hails from Wainwright, and her parents are John and Agnes Kellie.

Kaare graduated from UAA with a bachelor's in Anthropology and a minor in Alaska Native Studies and is pursuing a master's. He interned at AES Regulatory Services during his undergraduate studies and currently interns at the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center in Anchorage, sponsored by AES. Kaare grew up on Norton Sound in St. Michael and Unalakleet. His parents are Jeff Erickson and Donna (Brown) Erickson.

Daphne completed her Business Management bachelor's degree with a minor in accounting and went to work for the AES Accounting department. Daphne was profiled in the Winter Edition of *Inside AES*.

Congratulations to all of our Internship Program graduates!



*Saadia DeJesus*



*Kaare Erickson*



*Cordelia Kellie*

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We welcome your comments and suggestions at [newsletter@asrcenergy.com](mailto:newsletter@asrcenergy.com)

## Where in the World is AES



Where in the world was this photo of the AES logo (it's small, but trust us, the logo's in the photo) taken? Was it some exotic Mexican vacation resort where mariachi bands roam table to table? Not exactly. It was taken across the street from the ASRC building at Sea Galley during a farewell party for Senior Technical Writer Kevin Braun (left), who departed to spend the next five months hiking the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. The dude in the mariachi outfit was part of an elaborate

April Fool's Day prank on AES Director of Corporate Communications Rebecca Romine, who was Kevin's boss.

If you've got a photo of the AES logo in an interesting locale outside of Alaska, submit it to [newsletter@asrcenergy.com](mailto:newsletter@asrcenergy.com) and you could win a fabulous prize! (NOTE: Prize is not fabulous, and in fact does not even exist.)