

## Project Definition - Milestones

- Achieved 1.8 million work hours with no recordable injuries
- Negotiated APG MOU (2001) and funding and participation agreements (2003)
- Refined anchor field development plans, pipeline routing, facility siting, construction logistics, cost estimates and schedules
- Pursuing precedent agreements with potential shippers
- Established northern offices and staff, using a variety of mechanisms to communicate
  - + open houses, workshops, door-to-door visits -- more than 1,000 meetings
  - + brochures, news releases, newspaper inserts
  - + pipeline construction visit
  - + internet Website
- Negotiating benefit and access agreements
- Submitted Preliminary Information Package per regulators' June 2002 Cooperation Plan
- Obtained more than 200 regulatory approvals to gather data
- Filed main regulatory applications for project



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### Key Points

- This chart notes some significant achievements that have brought us to where we are today.
- Let me start with safety performance. Through more than two years of project development and field work, more than 1.8 million work hours, we have not had a single recordable injury.
- We have refined and further developed our field development plans, pipeline routing, cost estimates and schedules.
- Geotechnical work was completed last winter in the Gwich'in region and the K'haso Got'ine (*cash-oh go-ta-nee*) district in the Sahtu region, and further work is planned for the coming winter season.
- Following our initial open season offering, which I mentioned earlier, we are seeking progressively firmer shipping commitments.
- We are working with elders in a number of northern communities, gathering traditional knowledge data to supplement the technical environmental data we've already acquired in preparation for project applications. We have listened to the traditional knowledge, and made some project design adjustments.
- Aboriginal leaders encouraged us to make ourselves and the project more available and accessible to the people of the North, wherever possible, in their native language. We've opened regional offices in the communities of Inuvik, Norman Wells and Fort Simpson, staffed by people hired in the North. We've also hired community representatives in other communities along the proposed pipeline corridor. We took more than two dozen Aboriginal leaders, elders and youth to visit an active pipeline construction operation in northern Alberta -- to show them that construction techniques are safe, and that the land and wildlife are respected.
- We have negotiated a number of short-term agreements for Project Definition work. We are currently negotiating agreements with two regions for the main project. We hope to begin initial negotiations with remaining regions soon.