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Hi Larry: I was going to stay clear of this Pipeline Risk Assessment for I have too many things going on.

I did go to the meeting here in Valdez last night and was shocked at what I was hearing.

This isn't a risk assessment this isn't even a good literature research project for there is no way you can take a pump station, or a pipeline, or a gate valve and compare it to a different climate, different oil and a totally different culture to get a comparison to TAPs.

I'm not sure where ABS is coming from, but you have to do an analysis on verified data. How can you have a real methodology that works with published reports and aggregate statistical data from other operations. You have to base your analysis and conclusions on observed field work that takes place from the North Slope to the Terminal.

This is the State of Alaska's oil, the oil industry is given the privilege to remove it and make a profit from it. It is 85% of our income and we can't take it lightly.

This isn't a good start like you said at the airport, this is a sham and a disservice to the Governor, the legislature, and the people of Alaska.

I could sit here and name many problems that have to be addressed in this 32 year old line that hasn't been properly maintained.

Please stop at Phase one, stop listening to who ever your listening to and regroup.

You need to focus on field inputs and independent evaluations this will give you a better chance of making a meaningful contribution to risk mitigation efforts.

It would be better to drop this whole project then to move forward the direction this is going.

Stan