



# TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More

## Teamwork Essential for Safe Work on the North Slope

Pacific Environmental Corporation has found success by following the belief that coming together, sharing together, and working together leads to succeeding together. This has never been more important than when we perform work in the potentially dangerous environment of the North Slope or other outlying areas of Alaska.

While out on the job, we are our Brother's Keeper. This means we should always be keeping a watchful eye out for each other at all times—whether it is recognizing a potential hazard or helping someone use a tool or piece of equipment properly and safely. When someone does not work safe, it jeopardizes everyone on the team.

Teamwork is especially critical when working alongside contractors who work for companies other than PENCO. The urge towards competitiveness may be natural, but true teamwork in the field happens when EVERYONE is working towards the same unified goal. Teamwork, simply stated, is less "me" and more "we." As Benjamin Franklin once said, "We must all hang together, or assuredly, we shall all hang separately."

### ***Notes from PENCO's North Slope Office...***

Our mission and goal of "Excellence in Operations", translates on the work site to mean "A job worth doing is a job worth doing right." Attention to details, pre-job planning and risk assessment will go a long way towards starting a project on the right foot. If you are unfamiliar with a particular job or task, take advantage of all resources at your disposal whether this is a co-worker, your on-site supervisor, or the North Slope Supervisor on duty here in the Deadhorse Office. The statement "the only dumb question is the one you don't ask" holds especially true to all aspects of working on the North Slope. "Quality" and not "Quantity" is what we appreciate and know that the more experience you have, the faster and more efficient you will become with any given task.

As a reminder, temperatures on the North Slope vary greatly in the spring time. It can go from 20° above to 35° below in no time at all. Do not become complacent! Plan for all possible weather scenarios.

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### **American Marine Services Group Mission Statement**

American Marine Services Group conducts itself with the goal of "Excellence in Operations." It is our policy that no job or service performed by our companies is so important or urgent that it cannot be performed safely and with full regard to the environment and community. It is our Mission to perform professional, ethical and environmentally conscious work practices, while promoting the health and safety of our employees, as we strive to meet our goal of "Excellence in Operations".

## MARCH PENCO EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – SONYA LOCKWOOD



Sonya Lockwood has been selected as PENCO's Employee of the Month for March 2008. Sonya has been employed by PENCO since 2004, working on various spill response and asbestos abatement projects including the Dutch Harbor Selendang Ayu spill in 2005 and the asbestos pipe-stripping crew on the North Slope in 2006 & 2007. Currently Sonya is assigned as a Fluid Transfer Specialist and Paint Crew Lead at Milne Point for Alaska Clean Seas.

*PENCO Employee of the Month, Sonya Lockwood, was featured in the cover story of the February 2008 issue of Alaska Business Monthly – Women of the Oil Patch!*

Since beginning her employment with PENCO, Sonya has established herself as a trendsetter and natural leader. She has been involved in many projects over the past year that has set her apart as a can-do performer. With a smile on her face and a genuine concern for safety and quality, Sonya models the attitude and work ethic valued by PENCO.

*As of March 1, 2008, PENCO has worked **110 days** since its last injury or accident. **ZERO ACCIDENTS IS POSSIBLE!** Safety requires everyone's commitment.*

## Safety Corner



### DRIVE DEFENSIVELY & SPOT TROUBLE BEFORE IT HAPPENS

Driving safely takes skill and attention. You can do a lot to avoid traffic accidents by actively doing some defensive driving.

Start with a safe vehicle. Check lights, belts, fluid levels as well as tire treads and pressure periodically. Next, check your own condition—don't drive after using alcohol or sedatives or when you are sleepy. Always buckle up. Safety belts, when used properly, nearly double your chances of surviving a serious crash.

Stay alert! Traffic authorities say the most serious hazards to everyday drivers is simple distraction such as smoking, eating, using a cell phone, fiddling with controls or yelling at the kids.

Be aware of what is around you by checking your blind spots before changing lanes to see what's immediately to the right or left of your vehicle. Stay aware of your "airspace" and the other drivers entering and leaving it. Constantly check ahead, behind and beside you. Spotting trouble even a split second early can give you time and space to react defensively.

Prepare for sudden stops, lane changes and angry, aggressive drivers. Be patient in congested traffic and remember that driving is a full-time, full-concentration activity. If you're not willing to give it your complete attention, don't get behind the wheel of the vehicle.

