

Nabors 7ES, 9ES, CDR3 Rigs and Doyon 142

Project Description

Nabors 7ES arrived at the Kuparuk field in May 2013 and is performing rig workovers (RWOs) to help increase Greater Kuparuk production from existing wells. The rig will accelerate a backlog of wells that need repair.

The improved business climate enabled the arrival of a second rotary workover rig – Nabors 9ES – that began drilling in January 2014. Nabors 9ES will drill up to 10 new wells at the Tarn field in Kuparuk, and help get more oil from mature fields. Together, Nabors 7ES and 9ES have added more than 9,000 bopd to North Slope production.

In July 2014, ConocoPhillips Alaska announced that a new contract had been signed with Doyon Drilling to build a new rotary rig for the Kuparuk River Unit. This will be the first new-build rotary rig to be added to Kuparuk since 2000, and is scheduled to begin drilling in February 2016.

Additionally, in November 2014, ConocoPhillips Alaska announced that it had signed a contract with Nabors for a new Coiled Tubing Drilling (CTD) rig for use at Kuparuk. The new Nabors CDR3 CTD rig is scheduled to begin drilling in late 2016.

Key Facts

- **Jobs created:** Each rig creates about 100 direct jobs and supports hundreds of indirect jobs.*
- **Oil production benefit:** more than 9,000 BOPD (gross) for Nabors 7ES and 9ES

*ISER: Petroleum Jobs & Revenue, Feb. 25, 2013