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## Alaska Tanker Company reaches safety milestone (2/20)

Even for a business that must be accustomed to racking up safety awards, the latest milestone attained by SIU-contracted Alaska Tanker Company (ATC) stands out.

ATC President and CEO Anil Mathur recently reported that the company in late January completed 5 million man-hours without a single "lost time" injury.

"When our young company started up some five years ago, we used to have on average one lost time injury every month, matching the industry average at the time," Mathur reported. "We have now gone well over two yearsâ€”including all of 2002 and 2003â€”without any lost time injuries.

"The ATC team's relentless drive to create an incident-free workplace continually propels us past significant safety and environmental milestones," he added.

SIU Vice President Augie Tellez said that ATC "deserves all of the positive recognition that they receive. They're always eager to accept input from the crews, and they're very inclusive when it comes to building a commitment to safety. The SIU members who crew their ships, along with the officers and company personnel, have every reason to feel proud."

Last year, seven Seafarers-crewed ATC ships received vessel safety awards at an annual industry gathering in New Orleans. Also last year, the Alaska state legislature formally congratulated the company for its outstanding safety and environmental record. ATC then earned a major Washington State award for excellence in marine safety and environmental stewardship.

ATC's fleet eventually is expected to include four new Alaska-class tankers. The double-hull ships are being built in San Diego for BP Oil Shipping Company, USA; the first is slated for delivery in June.

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