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## **Unprecedented Activity at Anchorage Airport**

### **Cargo Flights Through Anchorage Create Enormous Demand for Fuel**

*Anchorage, October 25, 2002* – Cargo traffic activity at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport reached record levels this week.

A combination of normal peak season traffic and a continuation of clearing the backlog at West Coast ports have created record demand for cargo lift through Anchorage.

The additional flights operating through Anchorage have created an enormous demand for fuel. The Airport normally pumps approximately two million gallons per day. Current fuel usage is nearly three million gallons per day. The additional demand has actually created a shortage of fuel stockpiles for the air carriers in Anchorage. As a result, the fuel suppliers, transporters, and air carriers are partnering to share fuel until more is delivered. Fuel companies stated that they expect additional supplies to be delivered in Anchorage over the next few days to relieve any shortages that may occur.

Airport Director Morton V. Plumb, Jr. said, “We are pleased to see increased activity that is leading us to the best two quarters in the history of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.”

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