

# PIPELINE NEWSLETTER

**JUNE 2020**

Greetings to all members at this time.

First off, I would like to say thanks to everyone for exercising patience and fortitude during this time of the pandemic referred to as Covid 19. The Corona Virus. These trying times have forced us all to deal with massive changes to all facets of our working structure which we call Local Union 488. As a new management team, we continue to deal with change according to the outlines that the Government of Canada have provided. I am happy to say that all our controls and course of action have led to zero cases of the virus in our Local.

Now here is a very brief outline of the work in my jurisdiction.

**The Lakes [Power Houses] Genesse, Sundance, Keephills:**

All power houses have had small outages which consisted of six to eight days which have been completed on time and without incident. As well, each location is employing two crews for maintenance coverage for both days and nights.

**CNRL Horizon:**

Black and MacDonald is on site and is currently planning for a fall outage which should be for four to six weeks and will employ approximately 200 Fitters and Welders.

Aecon is also on site and will also get a piece of the action. Numbers unknown at this time.

**Fab Shops:**

Aecon has a large contract which should see future numbers climb during the next two months. The shop is waiting for materials and will be hiring accordingly.

Mod yard has twenty fitters and welders working a 4-10's schedule and this number should also increase as material arrives.

Academy is closing out some contracts but are bidding on several more and should also look to be hiring in the next month or so.

Edmonton Exchanger is working on spools which are directly tied into Syncrude and Suncor Energy's future outages.

PCL shop has eighty fitters and welders working two 8-hour shifts, working on contracts which should keep the majority of our members working until mid November.

Worley {formerly Jacobs} shop has a small group satisfying Suncor Energy's base plant in Fort McMurray with spools and pre-hydro test packages.

**Refineries:**

IOL Imperial Oil on baseline road has 2 contractors on site.

#1. Edmonton Exchanger-There are two base crews covering all maintenance requirements.

#2. Bantrel-Just recently brought back some members who were temporarily laid off due to the Covid virus. These members are working on project work as well as maintenance and operations assist.

**Edmonton Suncor {formerly Petro Canada}:**

Melloy has just recently brought back some members and will be hiring over the summer months to get their numbers up to around sixty fitters and welders.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone to pay close attention to our website for up to date changes on conditions which will affect everyone. Please make sure to read and understand all details about the job before applying. Once employment is secured, pay close attention to all safety regulations put forth by the contractor as these conditions will be strictly enforced.

Remember, you're getting paid to work safe!

Best Regards!  
Neil Ferguson