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NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE RECOGNIZES SUPPORT OF TRANSPARENT THREE-PHASE SEPARATOR LAB

Northern Lakes College hosted an open house Tuesday, November 25 to demonstrate the new transparent three-Phase Separator Lab. The Lab is used for the Oilfield Operator Training program and is unique in the fact that it is completely transparent; students can see first hand how an oil battery operates.

The Open House provided the opportunity for Northern Lakes College to thank the companies who supported the project to fruition. It also gave participants the chance to see the lab in action – demonstrated by students who are currently in the program.

"An important feature of this simulator is that it's on skids. Mobility is important given our expansive region and demand for in-community training," said Northern Lakes College President, Rick Neidig. "Thanks to the support of our donors we are able to offer innovative, technologically advanced training to northern learners."

Cindy compared the training in the program to having a drivers' license. "People are not permitted to drive vehicles until they have been trained and properly tested to operate the vehicle; the same principle applies to operating oil batteries. Oilfield companies want to ensure that their operators are properly trained and knowledgeable before they provide them with the responsibility of looking after thousands of dollars of equipment in a vehicle that is 1000 times more complex as a mechanical, electrical and chemical system."

The donors who sponsored the Oilfield Operator Training program include David Almond, BP Canada Energy Company, Specialties Valve, Ed's Valve, Husky Energy, Swagelok, Apex, Kudu Industries Inc. and the Alberta Access to the Future Fund, a fund that matches dollars raised.

Northern Lakes College is the first college in western Canada to purchase the separator trainer. .

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