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Mining and Petroleum Training Service would like to thank you for all of your support over these many years. We also thank you for your letters of support to the University of Alaska in support of the MAPTS program.

MAPTS has undergone program funding cuts every year since 2014 with the FY 2021 budget reduction being the largest. In total MAPTS has had to endure over 60% reduction in University funding including the cut projected for FY21. MAPTS will have an additional University budget reduction of 38% of the remaining funding in FY22 which will bring the total reduction to over 75% since 2014.

Given these extensive reductions MAPTS is left with no choice but to increase the fees charged for our classes. These increases do not close the budget gap and MAPTS is pursuing additional outside revenue support in order to remain functioning.

The following fee increases will take effect on April 1, 2020:

MSHA Part 46 & 48 Surface New Miner - \$250	IADC Well Control Introduction - \$950
MSHA Part 48 Underground New Miner - \$400	IADC Well Control Drillers Level - \$1,600
MSHA Part 46 & 48 Annual Refresher - \$200	IADC Well Control Supervisory Level - \$1,800

On behalf of all the MAPTS staff, we thank you for your amazing support over the years. As previously mentioned, these increases don't come close to filling the gap, but MAPTS understands that the new rates need to be reasonable.

Going forward, any time you get a chance to interface with University officials or legislative representatives, we would appreciate your letting them know how vital the MAPTS mining and oil & gas programs are to Alaska.

Thank you very much,

William Bieber, MAPTS Executive Director