

Re: so quiet in here...

you can control, to a degree, where the smoke and any toxic fumes goes. And since your accommodation is also your temporary refuge in the event of problems ...)

You can't, generally, avoid going outside completely, but you can cut it down to the occasional short dash through the horizontal sleet. A couple of years ago I was working on the Henry Goodrich, which I gather is now working in Iceberg Alley down the east coast of Canada. That rig was designed so that everything except loading/ unloading the cranes can be done without leaving the enclosed spaces – derrick completely enclosed ; all machine spaces, storage and workshops in a big square-section box girder connecting the tops of the columns, and a pipe deck with an opening at one side and an over-head crane which can unload or re-load any of the pipe bays from the small area accessible to the external cranes. I think the same area was used to load/ unload the sack store. I can't remember where the hoses for bulks (mud, pot water, fresh water, diesel, cement, bentonite, barytes) attached – I think you'd have to go outside to service them too.

> DVD...my, things have changed.

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3 helicopter companies, 5 types of chopper, 3 different types of flight suit, presence or absence of thermal insulation garment, 3 different types of lifejacket, and 3 different "types" of re-breather (emergency underwater air supply to give you a minute or so to get out of the helicopter ; LAPP, AirPocket, or none) ... I make that just over 400 plausible combinations. Unless the medic is going to spend 15 minutes away from his toilet-cleaning duties to continually swap videocassettes, you need a DVD player where you can program a series of chapters in advance.

There was one guy there running a DVD piracy operation too. A better advert for buying kosher discs, I've yet to see. Terrible quality, I'd be ashamed to put my name to something that bad!

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