



ALASKA VPP NEWSLETTER

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Hello VPP participants, and Happy New Year!!! I hope you had a wonderful and safe holiday season. Now that we have returned from holiday vacation, it's that time of the year again for Annual Self-Evaluations (ASE). Reports are due to AKOSH by COB on Monday, January 31, 2024. AKOSH must review and submit to the Region no later than February 15, 2024. If an extension is required, you must submit the request in writing (via email) stating (1) the reason why the extension is needed and (2) the length of the extension you are requesting. If this extension reaches and exceeds 45 days from the due date, your site may be asked to withdraw from the VPP Program. Please send all VPP submissions to Christian Hendrickson at christian.hendrickson@alaska.gov. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns or need assistance. Thank you for your participation in VPP.

Additionally, it is that time of year to remind employers and safety managers to start thinking about posting your Injury and Illness logs Form 300A. You must post the completed form in a visible location for all employees. The posting dates are February 1 – April 30, 2024. If you have questions on whether your organization is required to post 300 logs OR need assistance determining if an incident meets the posting requirements, please contact any consultant at 907-269-4955.

Words from VPP Manager Christian Hendrickson

VPP participants play a pivotal role as exemplars of safety and health excellence within their industries and communities. In Alaska, all VPP participants go beyond the confines of their facilities, engaging in outreach and mentoring activities. In this context, mentoring involves a VPP participant providing valuable assistance to another employer, aiding in the preparation for VPP application, and enhancing the employer's safety and health management system.

An exciting event on the horizon is the Voluntary Protection Program Participants Association (VPPPA) Region 10 Summit, scheduled in Anchorage from May 14 to 16, 2024. This summit is a prime opportunity for Alaska VPP participants to share best practices and success stories with those aspiring to join the VPP community. From May 17 to 19, 2024, there will be Special Government Employees (SGE) training after the conference. This training presents a unique chance for all Alaska VPP participants to have an SGE on staff without traveling out of state.



Click the link to find out more information about this year's VPPA Conference. I look forward to seeing you all there. [Events - VPPPA Region X \(regionxvpppa.org\)](https://regionxvpppa.org)

If you have VPP questions, call Christian Hendrickson at 907-269-4946 or email him at christian.hendrickson@alaska.gov. Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter.



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