ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS AND SAFETY

OSH Program Directive No. 85-7

September 9, 1985

To: All OSH Personnel

Subject: Confidentiality of Complainant's Identity

1. Purpose: This program directive sets the confidentiality policy for formal and informal complaints.

2. Directive Affected: DOSH Program Directive 81-2 is cancelled.

3. Background: The Attorney General's office on January 13, 1981, issued an opinion that Alaska's public record statute, AS 09.25.110, allows the State to keep confidential records that are required to be kept confidential by a Federal law or regulation. As OSHA regulations require the names of all complainants be kept confidential, Alaska OSH will keep confidential the names of persons who file informal complaints.

4. Procedures: Persons filing formal and informal complaints will be informed that their names will be kept confidential unless they specifically request their names be released.

5. Action: This directive is effective immediately.

6. Filing: This directive will remain in effect until modified or superseded.

Robert J. Bacolas, Director

Reviewed and Approved

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