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Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant Honored For Worker Safety Achievement

JUNEAU – Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved Juneau's Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program award as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

SHARP, a federal recognition program, is administered by the Alaska Department of Labor's office of Alaska Occupational Safety and Health, which is within the Labor Standards and Safety Division. Participating employers are excused from scheduled AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period, which, in the plant's case, is two years. Enforcement will still occur in cases of employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents.

Companies that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers' compensation insurance costs. For more information and to see a list of participants, visit the SHARP Web page at labor.state.ak.us/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm, call SHARP Program Coordinator Bill Nickerson at (907) 269-4948 or email him at Bill_Nickerson@alaska.gov.

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