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Alaska Clean Seas Approved for Voluntary Protection Program

JUNEAU, Alaska— Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved Alaska Clean Seas, Prudhoe Bay for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Voluntary Protection Program at the “Star” level, signifying a tremendous achievement in occupational safety and health.

The VPP recognizes and promotes effective workplace safety and health management through a cooperative program between a company’s management, employees and AKOSH.

As a VPP Star recipient – the highest level of VPP achievement – Alaska Clean Seas won’t be subject to random enforcement inspections for five years. Enforcement regulations remain in effect, however, and cases of employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents will result in an enforcement inspection. Participation in the program is voluntary.

“Safety is one of Alaska Clean Seas’ core values,” said Ron Morris, the company’s general manager. “We were looking for a way to reach the next level in our safety journey, challenging our employees to stay focused on safety and avoid complacency.

“Preparing for the VPP provided the impetus to step up to the next level. The VPP application process was an all-hands evolution that created the synergy necessary to achieve the superior goal of VPP Star status. For Alaska Clean Seas, safety is a journey without an end.”

There are now 15 sites in Alaska with the AKOSH VPP designation. For a complete listing of the sites and more information about the program, go to labor.alaska.gov/lss/vpp-participants.html.

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