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ConocoPhillips Alaska/Incorporated Office Tower Approved for Voluntary Protection Program

JUNEAU, Alaska—ConocoPhillips Alaska/Office Tower in Anchorage is now one of 16 companies that are part of the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health's Voluntary Protection Program, which signifies a tremendous achievement in occupational safety and health.

The VPP promotes workplace safety and health management through a cooperative program between a company's management and employees, and the AKOSH program.

"Alaskans live in the most beautiful place on earth – and work in some of the most hazardous conditions on the planet," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "With programs like VPP, we're getting our workplace safety and health message out. We've had a 30 percent overall drop in work place fatalities and a 21 percent decrease in workplace illness and injury rates."

As a VPP Star recipient, the ConocoPhillips Alaska/Incorporated Anchorage Office Tower 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.

"I am extremely proud to be able to say that, with the addition of the Anchorage Tower, ConocoPhillips now has five locations in Alaska recognized by OSHA as VPP Star sites," said Jim Bowles, president of ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. "The benefits of VPP are evident throughout our company, but the fact that we were able to achieve star status is a direct reflection of the commitment of every single employee, as well as our contractors. In all locations – from Cook Inlet operations to our downtown headquarters to the North Slope fields – this commitment to safety is a key part of what makes us such a strong company."

For a complete listing of the sites and more information about the VPP program, visit labor.state.ak.us/lss/vpp-participants.html.

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