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BP Exploration Alaska's Prudhoe Bay Central Power Station Recognized for Workplace Safety

JUNEAU, Alaska—BP Exploration Alaska's Central Power Station in Prudhoe Bay has again been awarded the Alaska Voluntary Protection Program's "Star" level for outstanding employee safety and health programs.

"The VPP Star re-certification is a testament to our team's proactive commitment to safety," facility managers Art Milan and Michael Dobesh said. "We have embedded this culture into the fabric of our facility and the team members are very proud of their accomplishment.

"As an employee driven process, the team facilitates weekly VPP meetings and manages their VPP funding through a well-established process. This process allows the team to have full control and accountability of all safety aspects in their facility. As the facility managers, we are very impressed with the level of involvement and commitment as we continue our journey to an incident free work place."

VPP recognizes and promotes effective workplace safety and health management through a cooperative program between a company's management, employees and the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Occupational and Safety Section.

As a VPP Star recipient the BP Prudhoe Bay Central Power Station 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.

There are 12 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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