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### **ConocoPhillips Alpine Field Recognized for Workplace Safety**

JUNEAU, Alaska— Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Dianne Blumer approved ConocoPhillips Alaska's Alpine field for the Alaska Voluntary Protection Program renewal as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

"ConocoPhillips has demonstrated that Alaska's oil and gas resources can be safely and effectively developed and produced," Blumer said. "Four of Alaska's 12 state VPP sites are ConocoPhillips workplaces."

VPP recognizes and promotes effective workplace safety and health management through a cooperative program between a company's management, employees and the department's Alaska Occupational Safety and Health section.

"Being recertified in the AKOSH Voluntary Protection Program is a significant milestone for the Alpine workforce and one we are all very proud of," said Steve Ovenden, manager of Western North Slope Operations for ConocoPhillips. "This achievement recognizes the proactive approach and commitment to safety we see daily across the entire organization and reinforces Alpine's cooperative and interdependent safety culture. Additionally, it provides our company and the communities where we operate with the confidence that we can continue to safely grow our Western North Slope operations."

As a VPP Star recipient the Alpine field 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](http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/vpp-participants.html).

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