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### **UniSea in Dutch Harbor Approved for Voluntary Protection Program**

JUNEAU, Alaska— Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Heidi Drygas re-approved UniSea, Inc. in Dutch Harbor for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) at the “Star” level to signify 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 and employees and the AKOSH program.

As a VPP Star recipient, UniSea will not 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 our company’s most important core values,” said safety and security manager Ferdinand Lopez. “The VPP program has been instrumental in helping UniSea to create a safety culture and to motivate us to continuously excel in our safety program. UniSea will continue to thrive by providing a safe work environment for our employees and contractors while constantly seeking out new opportunities for improvement.”

There are 9 sites in Alaska with the AKOSH VPP designation. A complete listing of the sites and more information about the program is available at [www.labor.alaska.gov/lss/vpp-participants.html](http://www.labor.alaska.gov/lss/vpp-participants.html).

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