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RE: SHARP Approval

I am pleased to approve General Family Dentistry into the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP). Since March 2020, General Family Dentistry has been working with the Consultation and Training section to improve occupational safety and health conditions for employees.

AKOSH consultants conducted a comprehensive safety and health evaluation in October 2020, and verified the site meets the SHARP eligibility criteria. You have exhibited commitment and hard work toward this goal, and the recommendations our consultants made were received freely and implemented to the effect of enhancing your program. We congratulate you for the positive attitude related to safety and health exhibited by you and your employees. You are a role model and I encourage you to take the opportunity to share what you have learned with other employers to assist them in growing their safety culture as well.

Participation in SHARP does not diminish any of the rights and responsibilities provided to you and your employees by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Although the name of your site will be removed from the scheduled inspection list for two years from the date of this letter, employee complaints, fatalities or catastrophes, and significant chemical leaks or spills at your site will still result in normal AKOSH Enforcement activities.

If you have questions, Mitch Wallace of the Anchorage AKOSH office is your contact person. He can be reached at (907) 269-4949. By February of each year, when you post your injury log, please send him a copy of the log summary. Also, include a copy of the most recent evaluation of your safety and health program and any success stories to mitch.wallace@alaska.gov

Once again, congratulations on your achievement!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tamika Ledbetter

Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development