ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS AND SAFETY

DOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE NO. 81-6

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To: All DOSH Personnel

Subject: Repeated Violations on a Drill Rig

1. Purpose: This program directive sets forth guidelines for determining repeated violations on a drill rig.

2. Directives Affected: None

3. Background: The Compliance Manual indicates that the fixed or non-fixed nature of the establishment is one of the factors used to determine whether a violation is repeated. Traditionally establishments in SIC 13, Oil and Gas Extraction, have been considered as non-fixed establishments. It has come to our attention, however, that an oil drill rig is a work unit with its own identity. Although an oil rig is mobile and moves from one geographic region to another, it has a distinct identification number and the first line of supervision is normally assigned on the basis of the rig unit.

4. Procedures: Compliance Officers (CO) and Industrial Hygienists (IH) will, for the purposes of determining repeated violations, treat all drill rigs as fixed establishments. In order to assure that such documentation can be made, the CO or IH must, when he inspects a drill rig, document the number assigned to the rig and any other distinguishing characteristics that will help in its identification. Also whenever a CO or IH is scheduled to inspect an oil rig, he/she will review previous inspection reports of the employer's oil rigs.

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