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BP Exploration Alaska's Prudhoe Bay Central Power Station Receives Voluntary Protection Program Star

JUNEAU, Alaska—BP Exploration Alaska's Central Power Station in Prudhoe Bay has again been awarded the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Voluntary Protection Program's "Star" level for tremendous achievement in occupational safety and health.

"BP's Central Power Station was the first State of Alaska VPP Star facility," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "This recertification shows an on-going commitment to establishing a solid safety and health culture."

VPP recognizes and promotes effective workplace safety and health management through a cooperative program between a company's management, employees and AKOSH.

As a VPP Star recipient BPX CPS won't be subject to random enforcement inspections for three 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.

"The VPP program demands high standards of safety, and is a key component in our safety tool box," said Mike Utsler, vice president for operations at BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. "We are pleased that several of our North Slope facilities have earned this designation."

There are 16 sites in Alaska with the AKOSH VPP designation. For a complete list of the sites and more information about the program, go online to <http://labor.alaska.gov/lss/vpp-participants.html>.

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