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## Parker Drilling Company Training Center Renewed for Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Award

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Dianne Blumer approved Parker Drilling Company Training Center for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program renewal as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

"Most companies track some injury and incident rates to show signs of accomplishments in their safety systems. However, Parking Drilling Company has chosen to track all personal and mechanical incidents," said Sean Mills, training site manager of Parker Drilling Company Training Center. "This has allowed us to remain an industry leader. Since becoming SHARP recognized, we have realized the importance that training provides in reducing any type of incident. Parker Drilling Company and SHARP have become standards of excellence."

SHARP is a federal recognition program, administered by the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section in the department's Labor Standards and Safety Division. Participating employers are excused from programmed AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period. However, employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents will result in enforcement action.

Companies that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers' compensation insurance costs. For more information on SHARP or to see a list of current participants, go online <u>Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm</u>, or contact SHARP Program Coordinator John King at (907) 269-4958 or <u>John.King@Alaska.Gov</u>.

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