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Municipality of Skagway Dahl Memorial Clinic Renewed for Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Award

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Dianne Blumer approved the Municipality of Skagway Dahl Memorial Clinic for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program renewal as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

"We are very excited to continue our participation in the SHARP program," Safety Director Gregg Kollasch said. "This program helps keep us on the right track for having a safe environment to work in. The consultants notice areas that could use improvement, and help us come up with a solution."

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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