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UniSea, Inc. has been participating in the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) since February 23, 2006. During the last quarter of the most recent approval period the employer requested continuation in the program. To verify the employer's eligibility, the AKOSH consultants conducted an onsite audit. During the onsite evaluation the audit team, which consisted of an industrial hygienist, a process safety management specialist, a safety consultant, and a team leader, evaluated the employer's safety and health management system by reviewing written programs, training records, working conditions, and interviewing employees.

The VPP recognizes employers who have implemented effective safety and health management systems and maintain injury and illness rates below national Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) averages for their respective industries. UniSea, Inc. demonstrated to the AKOSH VPP audit team that they meet these criteria for their employees at this worksite. The employer has a three-year injury and illness rate that is below the national average. The national averages are taken from the latest published data for the industry.

The Audit team recommends a continuation of VPP at the STAR level for 5 years for UniSea, Inc. on the recommended approval date of July 15, 2022. When approved, the site will be removed from the scheduled AKOSH inspection list for five years. Participation in the VPP does not eliminate any of the rights and responsibilities guaranteed to employees by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Employee complaints, fatalities, catastrophes, or significant chemical leaks and spills at that site could result in an AKOSH enforcement inspection. As part of the program, the employer is required to submit annual self-evaluations to the VPP coordinator on their safety and health management system by February 15th of each year.

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Attachments:

- UniSea, Inc. VPP Site Report

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UniSea, Inc. VPP file