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### **ConocoPhillips and Peak Oilfield Service Company Earn Workplace Safety and Health Awards**

(Juneau) – Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Greg O'Claray has recognized ConocoPhillips and Peak Oilfield Service Company for their outstanding workplace safety and health programs. The companies were awarded Star designation in the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Voluntary Protection Program in separate ceremonies March 14 in Beluga River.

"A strong commitment to safety and health in the workplace results in increased productivity and employee morale," said Commissioner O'Claray. "Alaska's workers deserve to be safe while earning a living, and we applaud companies who work hard to create such an environment."

"My thanks go to the employee team of ConocoPhillips and Peak Oilfield Service Co. for their dedication in achieving this significant milestone," said ConocoPhillips Alaska President Jim Bowles. "Safety comes first in every job we do, and I appreciate that the Beluga employees are committed to our 'zero incidents' safety culture at ConocoPhillips."

"I am proud of our employees who worked to achieve this recognition," said Peak Oilfield Service Company President Mike O'Connor. "We are committed to providing the necessary training and protection to eliminate accidents first and foremost, and it is our goal to promote a 'zero accident culture.' We look forward to ConocoPhillips and Peak working together to keep the operations at Beluga safe and our employees healthy."

VPP recognizes and promotes effective safety and health management. VPP sites are removed from general scheduled enforcement inspections for the approved period of time (from 18 months up to 5 years). Participants have also reported reduced Workers' Compensation costs. VPP is one of several consultation programs offered by Alaska Occupational Safety and Health. At a company's request, health and safety consultation officers visit the work site to help employers identify and correct hazards in the work place, and train their workforce in safe work practices. The company then has the opportunity to voluntarily correct any identified hazards and avoid the prospect of enforcement penalties.

There are currently 11 VPP sites in Alaska.

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