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UniSea Inc. in Dutch Harbor Approved for Voluntary Protection Program

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved UniSea Incorporated in Dutch Harbor for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Voluntary Protection Program at the “Star” level to signify a tremendous achievement in occupational safety and health.

The 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 UniSea won’t be subject to random enforcement inspections for five 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.

“Safety is the very foundation of UniSea’s management philosophy,” said Environmental Compliance, Safety and Security Director Gregg Bishop. “Even through changes in management, whether by long-term employees leaving and new managers and directors joining our company or by production redirection, UniSea has remained ever vigilant in successfully maintaining its number one priority – safety.

“Processing practices and equipment are regularly and consistently evaluated, employees are trained and surveyed, and a cross-functional team meets twice per month to identify areas of improvement and enhancement. This open and active process is what led us to receive the distinction of VPP status, and it is indeed this process that affords us the ability to maintain this distinguished status.”

There are 16 sites in Alaska with the AKOSH VPP designation. For a complete listing of the sites and more information about the program, visit VPP online at Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/vpp-participants.html.

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