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Trident Seafoods' Kodiak Plant Approved for Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Award

JUNEAU, Alaska— Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Dianne Blumer approved Trident Seafoods Corporation's Kodiak Plant for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program renewal as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

"The SHARP program was one of the best things that ever happened to our safety program here at Trident Seafoods Star of Kodiak plant," said Ernie Cadabes, Kodiak Plant human resources and safety manager. "It became the tool we used to identify and improve in certain areas and it was, and continues to be, the tool we use to establish our goals for continuous improvement."

The SHARP program created a new sense of teamwork and cooperation, according to Cadabes. The initial goal was to improve safety, but the side effects were increased morale, more production, higher quality and less turnover.

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.

"Our AKOSH consultants never pushed, only encouraged. Never criticized, only motivated," Cadabes said. "They were our cheerleaders as well as our coaches."

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 Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm, or contact SHARP Program Coordinator John King at (907) 269-4958 or John.King@Alaska.Gov.

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