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Alaska Clean Seas: Two Million Man Hours with no Lost Time Accidents

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Acting Commissioner Grey Mitchell announced that Alaska Clean Seas has been reapproved to participate in the Voluntary Protection Program as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

“Alaska Clean Seas was first awarded Voluntary Protection Program Star status in 2008, as the 14th recipient of the award in Alaska,” ACS General Manager C. Barkley Lloyd said. “At that time, with 76 employees, the company had just passed one million man hours and seven years without a lost time accident.

“Since then, our remarkable safety journey has continued – we have grown to nearly 100 employees and recently achieved two million man hours and 13 years without a lost time accident. The entire team at Alaska Clean Seas is proud of our VPP Star status designation and our reputation for safety excellence while operating in some of the most challenging weather conditions in the nation.”

VPP recognizes and promotes effective workplace safety and health management through a cooperative program between a company’s management, employees and Alaska Occupational Safety and Health.

As a VPP Star recipient Alaska Clean Seas 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.

“While our VPP Star status is proudly displayed, safety doesn’t stop at a sign on the building. As new employees, contractors and visitors are welcomed aboard, their training in proactive hazard recognition and control begins immediately,” he said.

There are 12 sites in Alaska with the AKOSH VPP designation. For a complete listing of the sites and more information about the program, go to <http://labor.alaska.gov/lss/vpp-participants.html>.

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