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Insulfoam of Anchorage Recognized for Workplace Safety

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved Insulfoam in Anchorage for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Voluntary Protection Program renewal at the "Star" level for outstanding employee safety and health programs.

The VPP recognizes and promotes effective workplace safety and health management through a cooperative program between a company's management, employees and AKOSH. Organizations that partner with AKOSH and achieve VPP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers' compensation insurance costs.

"Our employees are committed to taking ownership of this program, and VPP has enhanced our safety culture," Insulfoam General Manager Daryl Sobek said. "The benefits of VPP STAR are evident by enhancing a safety first attitude that has resulted in a higher quality workforce, consistent products and efficient production. VPP has proven to be the mechanism we needed to tie our best business practices together, while promoting a high level of safety awareness."

VPP is a voluntary, federal recognition program, administered by AKOSH. Participating employers are excused from random AKOSH enforcement inspections for three years. However, enforcement regulations remain in effect and cases of employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents will result in an enforcement inspection.

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 http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/vpp-participants.html or call VPP Program Coordinator Bill Nickerson at 907- 269-4948 or email Bill.Nickerson@Alaska.Gov.

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