"The CHASE REPORT"

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The Chief's Corner

Hello CHASE participants and Happy New Year. As we welcome in another year, there have been a few changes in the AKOSH Consultation and Training section, starting with a new CHASE Manager. Fret not, Michael is still around. He wanted to spread his wings and is now managing the SHARP program. Stepping into Michael's role as the CHASE Manager is Brad Buechner who has

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been with AKOSH for a little over a year. A retired Air Force veteran, Brad brings a wealth of Construction expertise to the safety and construction industries.

In other AKOSH news, Mitch Wallace was promoted to the Assistant Chief of Consultation and Training in May 2023. He is a long-time AKOSH consultant and has been with Consultation for nearly 5 years. We are always happy to fill positions by promoting individuals who are knowledgeable and well deserving.

Finally, I want to remind employers and safety managers it is that time of year to start thinking about posting your Injury and Illness logs Form 300A. You must post the completed form in a visible location for all employees to see. The posting dates are February 1 – April 30, 2024. If you have questions on whether your organization is required to post 300 logs, OR if you need assistance with determining if an incident meets the posting requirements, please contact Brad or reach out to any consultant at 907-269-4955.

Remember NO SAFETY SHORTCUTS—EVER.



Elaine Banda, Chief of Consultation and Training

Words from C&T Assistant Chief, Mitch Wallace

Hello and congratulations on your commitment to safety and health. It is a pleasure to connect with you through these pages and share insights into the dynamic world of construction health and safety.

I'd like to draw your attention to two upcoming events that hold immense value for our recognition program members. Firstly, the Alaska Governor's Safety and Health Conference is April 2-3, 2024, and provides a fantastic opportunity for networking and staying updated

on industry trends. The Region 10 VPP Conference May 14-16, 2024, delves into best practices, offering a deep dive into strategies for maintaining the highest safety standards.



Mitch Wallace

Words from CHASE Manager, Brad Buechner

As some of you are aware, and others are not, Michael Flint has moved on to be the SHARP Coordinator as of October and I have been assigned as the CHASE Program Manager. I have met and worked with some of you, and I look forward to meeting and working with those I have not met, yet. As always, communication between your organizations and AKOSH is paramount in maintaining a valid CHASE Program and continuing to meet the end-state of providing workers with as safe a work environment as possible. I am working on a couple of things to bring myself up to speed on the program and to hopefully maintain or improve it:

- Review and revision of the CHASE Standard Operating Procedures.
- Developing a spreadsheet to provide data on commonly observed hazards.

Bradley L. Buechner

CHASE Spotlight



Each quarterly newsletter will spotlight one CHASE Partner. The idea is to highlight a company that provides critical infrastructure to our state. As the CHASE program continues to grow, AKOSH Consultation expects to highlight other partners that work with our program, as well as various associations. This quarter we are shining the spotlight on Prism Design & Construction.



We are happy to announce Prism Design & Construction as our newest partner in the CHASE program. Prism Design & Construction was formed in 2003 by Scott Yaskus and has continued to gain knowledge and expertise in the field, while expanding their workforce. Realizing a need, Prism Design & Construction focuses on the construction and support needs of retail petroleum facilities and car wash industries in the State of Alaska. Prism Design & Construction focuses on the unique construction needs of these facilities; being licensed in underground tank installation, testing, certifying, removal, and decommissioning. while also having the ability to provide support to their customers after the last gang box has left the construction site. Prism Design &



Construction also provides full support operations to

retail fuel and car wash facilities with experienced employees and management able to deliver compliance testing and service, tank monitor certification, line leak testing, yearly systems operations check, as well as offering 24/7 general facility maintenance. Prism Design & Construction has gained a substantial reputation, not only for their expertise and quality of commercial construction projects, but also for their fuel system and environmental compliance services.

They were introduced to the CHASE program through a safety consulting company, and after fine-tuning their safety & health programs, the Prism Design & Construction team decided to take the program to the next level by applying for the CHASE Blue program.

After several safety & health consultations from AKOSH and a few adjustments to their safety program, Prism Design & Construction entered the CHASE Blue program in the fall of 2023. Since then, they have shown enthusiasm and drive to be a productive partner to both AKOSH and fellow CHASE participants. We proudly shine the spotlight on Prism Design & Construction.



Register for the 2024 Governor's Safety and Heath Conference at: https://akgshc.com/

Closing Remarks from Chief Banda



Remember, "The Public is Watching You." Stay safe everyone!