



## Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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The Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) recognizes employers who have implemented exemplary safety and health management systems and maintain injury and illness rates below US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) averages for their respective industries. ConocoPhillips Kuparuk demonstrated to the AKOSH VPP audit team that they meet these criteria.

May 23-27, 2022, the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) VPP audit team conducted an on-site evaluation at ConocoPhillips, Kuparuk, Alaska. The purpose of the evaluation was to determine ConocoPhillips' continued eligibility for site-based participation in the VPP.

The audit team evaluated the employer's safety and health management system by reviewing written programs, procedures, training and all records associated with the site's safety and health management system. A walk-around inspection including formal and informal interviews with employees was conducted during this visit.

The Team recommends continuation of VPP at the Star level for five years for ConocoPhillips Kuparuk with a recommended approval date of May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. When approved, the site will be removed from the scheduled AKOSH inspection list for five years. Participation in the VPP does not eliminate any of the rights and responsibilities guaranteed to employees by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Employees' complaints, fatalities, catastrophes, or significant chemical leaks and spills at that site could result in an AKOSH enforcement inspection. As part of the program, the employer is required to submit annual self-evaluations to the VPP coordinator on their safety and health management system by February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

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Attachments:

- VPP ConocoPhillips Kuparuk Site Report
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