



# ALASKA VPP NEWSLETTER

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Good day VPP Safety Coordinators!

Hello VPP participants and Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone had a wonderful, enjoyable, and safe holiday season. It's that time of the year again for Annual Self-Evaluations (ASE). Reports are due to AKOSH by COB Monday, January 31, 2022. AKOSH must review and submit to the Region no later than February 15, 2022. If an extension is required, you must submit the request in writing (via email) stating (1) the reason why the extension is needed and (2) length of extension you are requesting. If this extension reaches and/or exceeds 45 days from the due date, your site may be asked to withdraw from the VPP Program. Please send all VPP submissions to Christian Hendrickson at [christian.hendrickson@alaska.gov](mailto:christian.hendrickson@alaska.gov). If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for your participation in VPP.

### News Update from VPP Regional

We wanted to make you aware that OSHA has launched a [new online portal](#) for submitting applications for the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP.) The new portal modernizes the application process for companies that qualify for VPP and makes it easier for candidates to start, continue and get assistance with submitting their applications. For more information, see OSHA's [news release](#), or visit [www.osha.gov/vpp](http://www.osha.gov/vpp).

### Featured VPP Success Story



AKOSH Consultation and Training recognizes ConocoPhillips Greater Kuparuk Area (GKA) VPP STAR site's admirable commitment to the health and safety of their employees. COVID-19, along with other changes greatly impacted the oil and gas industry. Despite the many challenges, ConocoPhillips did not compromise personnel, process safety, or the importance of core health and safety values. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Conoco's workforce adapted to new work practices with little to no impact to overall safety and health performance.

It is important to note that in 2020, GKA rolled out a corporate Process Safety Management (PSM) initiative entitled Process Safety Fundamentals. This initiative included good operating practices developed to improve process safety awareness and create discussions in the field. As a result, there were zero serious process safety events. AKOSH would like to take this opportunity to commend ConocoPhillips on a job well done.

If you have VPP questions, call Christian Hendrickson at 907-269-4946 or e-mail him at: [christian.hendrickson@alaska.gov](mailto:christian.hendrickson@alaska.gov) Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter.



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