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Three Barrow Schools Honored For Worker Safety Achievement

BARROW – Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop re-approved Ipalook Elementary, Eben Hopson Middle and Barrow High schools for the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program award as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

The SHARP recognition program is administered by the Department of Labor's office of Alaska Occupational Safety and Health within the Labor Standards and Safety Division. Participating employers are excused from generally scheduled AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period, which, in the schools' case, is three years. Enforcement regulations remain in effect, however, in cases of employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents.

Companies that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers' compensation insurance costs. For more information and to see a list of participants, visit the SHARP Web page at labor.state.ak.us/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm, call SHARP Program Coordinator Bill Nickerson at (907) 269-4948 or email him at Bill_Nickerson@labor.state.ak.us.

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