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Site: Eklutna Generation Station

RE: VPP Approval

Dear Mr. Tony Colson and Mr. Josh Crowell,

I am pleased to announce the approval of Matanuska Electric Association (Eklutna Generation Station) to the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) at the Merit status. Please accept my congratulations on this accomplishment. Your effective date of approval is April 4, 2022, and your Merit status will continue until April 4, 2024.

From the beginning, you have exhibited commitment and hard work toward this goal and the recommendations our VPP Consultation team made were received freely and implemented to the effect of enhancing your program. We congratulate you on the positive attitude related to safety and health exhibited by you and your employees.

Your ongoing work to continually improve your safety and health program demonstrates this commitment. We encourage you to take the opportunity to share what you have learned with other employers to assist them in growing their safety culture as well. Your designation as a VPP site is testament to sustained excellence in all areas of your safety and health management system; therefore, your site will be removed from the scheduled Alaska OSHA inspection list.

Participation in VPP does not, of course, diminish any of the rights and responsibilities provided to you and your employees by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Although the name of your site will be removed from the scheduled inspection until April 4, 2024, employee complaints, fatalities or catastrophes, and significant chemical leaks or spills at your site will still result in normal enforcement activities.

Again, congratulations to you and the MEA employees for your hard work and dedication to the principles embodied in VPP. I wish you and your employees continued success in your safety and health efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tamika L. Ledbetter".

Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter
Commissioner