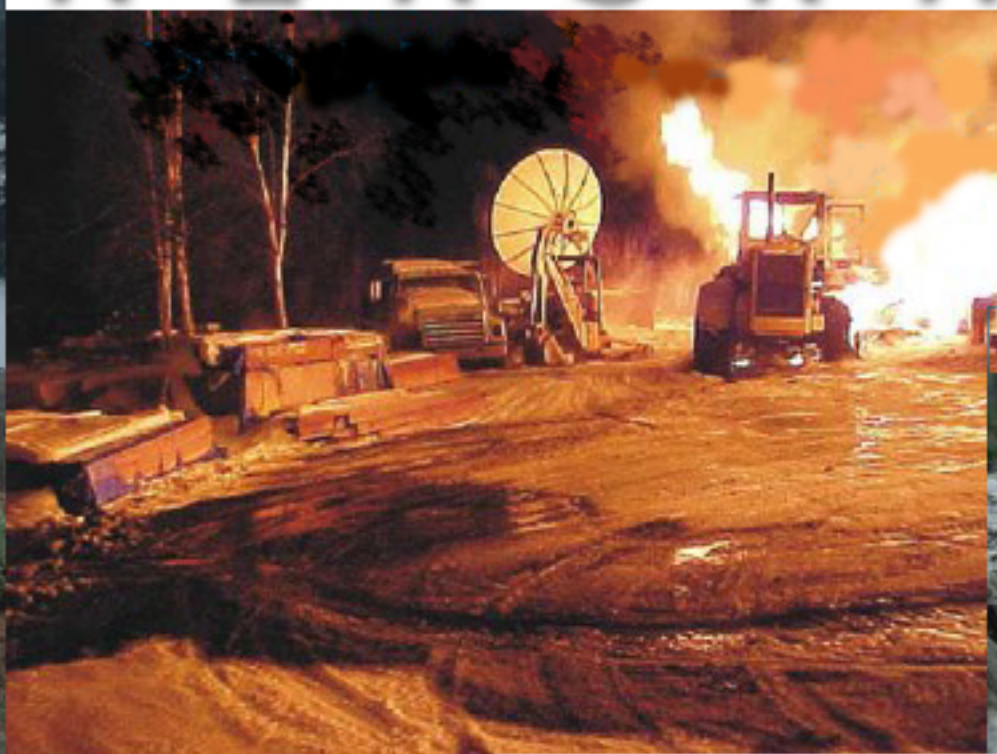




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WHO AND WHAT IS AKWARN?

AKWARN is a network where water, wastewater, and public work agencies can receive emergency assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, materials, and other associated services. The objective is to provide rapid, short-term deployment of emergency services to recover from natural and manmade disasters.

RESILIENCY

The concept of WARN is a network of "Utilities Helping Utilities" united by the common threat of natural and manmade disasters. Both private and public utilities may participate.

NOT A CORPORATION OR A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

It is an intrastate program organizing utilities via a non-binding agreement to help each other with personnel and resources. AKWARN is developed and managed by AK water and wastewater systems.

AKWARN IS FREE, AND THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO RESPOND OR TO PROVIDE AID

WHAT IS IN IT FOR YOU?

ENHANCED ACCESS TO SPECIALIZED RESOURCES

Utility operations are specialized – the best possible aid originates from knowledgeable peers.

EXPEDITE ARRIVAL OF AID

Lighten the burden associated with filling the gap of time between disaster onset and the arrival of government aid. FEMA is muscular but not agile.

FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT ELIGIBILITY

In case of a federally declared emergency, FEMA reimbursement for received services is contingent upon a pre-existing, signed mutual aid and assistance agreement.

INCREASED HOPE

Expediting the restoration of water/wastewater systems following a traumatic incident provides hope to a community as it signifies a return to normalcy.

47 STATES IN FIVE YEARS

In 2005 California and Florida were the only states with an active WARN Program. Today, 47 states have established a WARN, and 3 states have an agreement pending.

WHAT IS ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?

Events such as Hurricane Katrina, the Northridge Earthquake, and 9/11 identified a need for water and wastewater utilities to create an intrastate mutual aid and assistance program.

It is no secret Alaska faces a unique and diverse set of potential disasters -- earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes, freezing, and flooding to name a few. These challenges combined with Alaska's separation from the lower 48 make a clear case for strengthening intrastate mutual aid.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN AKWARN, PLEASE CONTACT:

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