

National Support

To support the effort to create a WARN program nationwide, eight national associations met and agreed to support a WARN program in every state in the nation.

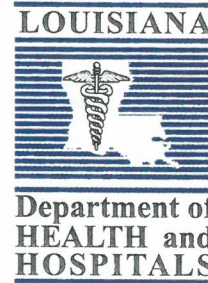
- ◆ American Water Works Association
- ◆ Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
- ◆ Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators
- ◆ Association of State Drinking Water Authorities
- ◆ National Association of Clean Water Agencies
- ◆ National Association of Water Companies
- ◆ National Rural Water Association
- ◆ Water Environmental Federation

Support in Louisiana

- ◆ Louisiana Rural Water Association (800) 256-2591
- ◆ Louisiana Conference
- ◆ LA Dept. of Health & Hospitals
- ◆ LA Dept. of Environmental Quality
- ◆ Louisiana Engineering Society
- ◆ Lafayette Utilities System
- ◆ American Water Works Association – Southwest Section



LaWARN Associations



Utilities Helping Utilities **LaWARN** Louisiana's Water & Wastewater Agency Response Network



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TERRORISM

What is LaWARN?

LaWARN is a Water & Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) of "utilities helping utilities" to:

- ★ Prepare for the next natural or human caused emergency.
- ★ Organize response according to established requirements.
- ★ Share personnel and other resources statewide by agreement.

Past disaster response and lessons learned tell us that:

- ★ Utility operations are specialized.
- ★ Utilities must be self-sufficient and fill the gap between disaster onset and arrival of other governmental aid.
- ★ Communities cannot function without water.
- ★ Water & Wastewater restoration provides hope.

What can LaWARN do for you?

In order to be eligible for federal grants and reimbursements before, during and after an emergency, all community water & wastewater systems are to:

- ★ Adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- ★ Support the development of interstate mutual aid programs.
- ★ Integrate response at the field, local and state levels of government.

The LaWARN program will help facilitate meeting these requirements.

Mission

The mission of the LaWARN network is to support and promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual aid assistance for public and private water & wastewater utilities for natural and human caused events in Louisiana.

Visit this website www.lawarn.org on how to join LaWARN.



Above: Holly Beach, LA before Hurricane Rita.



Right: Holly Beach, LA after Hurricane Rita.

Purpose

The LaWARN network will provide water and wastewater utilities with:

- ◆ A mutual assistance agreement and process for sharing emergency resources among water and wastewater agencies statewide.
- ◆ A mutual assistance program consistent with other statewide mutual aid and assistance programs and the National Incident Management System.
- ◆ The resources to respond and recover more quickly from a natural or human caused disaster.
- ◆ A forum for developing and maintaining emergency contacts and relationships.

Participation

The LaWARN Mutual Assistance Agreement is available to all public and private water and wastewater utilities in Louisiana.

Agreement

All actions, recommendations, etc. are made in accordance with the articles of the LaWARN Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

LaWARN Benefits

- ★ No cost to participate.
- ★ Increased planning and coordination.
- ★ Enhances access to specialized resources.
- ★ A single agreement provides access to all member utilities statewide.
- ★ Provides insurance for access to resources during an emergency without pre-contractual limitations or retainer fees.
- ★ Expedites arrival of aid.
- ★ Members have a pre-established relationship under which they are able to share resources during an emergency at the discretion of each participating agency.
- ★ Consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- ★ Provides a list of emergency contacts and phone numbers.
- ★ Reduces administrative conflict.
- ★ Agreement contains indemnification and workers' compensation provisions to protect participating utilities, and provides for reimbursement of costs, as needed.
- ★ Avoids federal bureaucracy.
- ★ Increases hope that recovery comes quickly.
- ★ Access to Emergency Laboratory Services.

**For more information contact:
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