



General Manager's Report  
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# 2024 YEAR END **REPORT>>>**



## EMPLOYMENT - 79 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

Employees New: 13

Student Hires Trained: 14

Promotions: 4

Internal Transfers: 3

Employees Resigned: 10

Employees Retired: 1 (T. Russell 39 yrs)

## ATTENDED TRAININGS

With a commitment to empower our employees with the skills and knowledge to perform their jobs at the highest level, we provided multiple training opportunities for our employees, in-house and out of town. Here is a look at the 38 trainings completed for 2024:

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| 1. CPR & First Aid w/ AED for infants, children, & Adults | 14. NISC New Service Workshop                      | 29. Hearing Conservation  |
| 2. Supervisor Signs & Symptoms                            | 15. OSHA-10  | 30. BUECI Safety Program Orientation  |
| 3. Excel Spreadsheet                                      | 16. Water Treatment Level 1 Certification Workshop | 31. Respiratory Protection  |
| 4. Supervisor Training                                    | 17. Taurus 60 Solar Training                       | 32. Natural Gas Public Awareness Meeting & Safety Overview                    |
| 5. NRECA CFO Orientation                                  | 18. Bucket Rescue                                  | 33. Ongoing Operator Qualification Training                                   |
| 6. Annual SHRM Training                                   | 19. Pole Top Rescue                                | 34. Water Distribution  |
| 7. NRECA TFACC Conference                                 | 20. Lineman Training Safety Week                   | 35. Wastewater Collection   |
| 8. NWPPA Accounting Workshop                              | 21. APA Safety Summit                              | 36. WEFTEC Wastewater Microbiology  |
| 9. APA Accounting & Finance Workshop                      | 22. Walking-Working Surfaces                       | 37. Learning to Communicate: Connecting with Audiences and Telling Your Story |
| 10. APA Legal Workshop                                    | 23. Bloodborne Pathogens                           | 38. Alaska Water and Wastewater Management Association (AWWMA) Conference     |
| 11. Alaska Insurance Exchange Workshop                    | 24. Emergency Action Plan/Exit Routes              |   |
| 12. NRECA Compensation Training                           | 25. Fire Extinguisher Training, HAZCOM             |   |
| 13. NISC Accounts Payable Workshop                        | 26. Electrical Safety                              |   |
|   | 27. CDL Courses @ Ilisagvik                        |   |
|   | 28. Personal Protective Equipment                  |   |



## SAFETY

There was a total of 128 safety meetings conducted throughout 2024. These safety meetings included Departmental Safety Meetings, Monthly Plant Inspections, Emergency Action Planning, and Safety Newsletter meetings.

## ACCIDENTS

There were 15 accidents in 2024, with 10 minor accidents and 5 beyond First Aid.

With the partnership of MBS, and the extensive work being done by supervisors and employees alike, our goal is to reduce accidents every year until we reach zero.



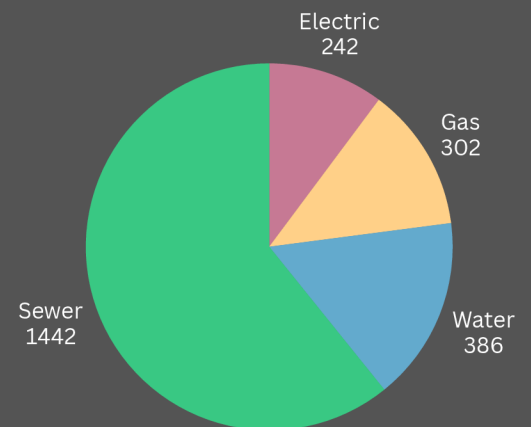
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# OPERATIONS

## TROUBLE CALLS

There was a total of 2,372 trouble calls for BUECI in 2024.



## BUS PLANT

Water Excavations: 11

Sewer Excavations: 2

Upgrades: 1 (WWTP Device Net - stage 1)

WWTP Tent Construction Completed

Stainless Steel Basin Valve on MBR Basin #1 installed

Pump Station #3 Utilidor excavation & upgrade started

## ELECTRIC

Outages Distribution: 97

Power Poles New: 6

Power Poles Replaced: 9

Transformers New: 3

Transformers Replaced: 8

Streetlights: 1,141

- LED: 250

- Sodium: 891

## UTILITY PLANT

Outages Generation: 3

(Total Time: 5 hours 44 minutes)

Raw Water Sold:  
131,046,593 gallons

Potable Water Produced:  
83,916,198 gallons

Electricity Produced  
49,726,680 kWh

Diesel Consumed:  
75,561 gallons / \$546,739.20

## NATURAL GAS & GARAGE

Gas Outages: 1 (PRV Station)

Gas Excavations: 5

CNG Station Construction Began



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# ACHIEVEMENTS

Although each department faced some form of adversity, our employees showed great resilience and turned incidents into learning opportunities. Here's a look at all the achievements collectively throughout BUECI in 2024

- Small Wastewater System Person of the Year Award, Jonas M. Ahsoak Sr.
- Utility Systems Manager of the Year Award, Timothy W. Russell (*retired*)
- Multiple operator CDL licenses achieved thru Ilisagvik & DMV
- Lead & Copper Survey (completed internally, saved \$40k)
- Security Cameras went live at Base I, WWTP and Main Garage
- George "Bud" Stevens sign mounted
- Starlink installed at Admin Office and Linemen Trailer
- Fire Extinguisher Certifications for BUS Plant Operators



# INCIDENTS

Here's a look at community incidents that occurred in 2024. These incidents were not a result of BUECI operations but have impacted the service to our members.

- NSB Shipping & Receiving Fire (660,000 gallons water used)
- House 378 Fire (124,000 gallons water used)

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# MEMBERSHIP



## MEMBERSHIP - 1,154 ACTIVE

New Members (residential): 58

Disconnects (resigned): 77

New Members (commercial): 6

Disconnects (terminated): 41

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1. Career Day
2. Piuraagiaqta
3. 4th of July
4. Annual Meeting
5. Natural Gas Informational Meeting
6. Water Production Tariff Informational Meeting
7. Electric/Nat Gas/Water Prod/BUS Water & Sewer Informational Meeting
8. BUECI Clean-up Day (lagoon)
9. KBRW Drive to Thrive
10. Community Grave Digging (32 graves)
11. 2024 Graduation - Presented Scholarships
12. Calendar Photo Contest
13. Community Christmas Street Lights
14. Donation Requests
15. Thermo-syphon drilling for Ice Cellar Project
16. Assisting NSB Fire Dept with local fires
17. Community Basketball Tournament - BUECI Team

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