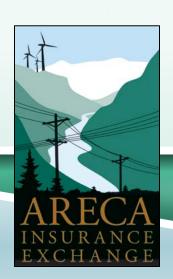
# UNDERSTANDING LOSS CONTROL

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## **OBJECTIVES**

#### **& Loss Control**

- Function
- Philosophy
- Systems
- Benefits
- Future

## \* Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP)

- Vision
- Mission
- Safety Culture



## **FUNCTION**

- **\*** Proactive measures taken to <u>prevent</u> or <u>reduce</u> loss involving
  - Accident
  - Injury
  - Illness
  - Property Damage
- Goal of Loss Control is to reduce
  - Frequency
  - Severity



## **PHILOSOPHY**

## Achieved through

- Commitment of <u>all</u> personnel
  - Buy-in

## Emphasizes eliminating undesired events

- Engineering controls
- Safety procedure and practices
- Training
- Monitoring/evaluating continuously



## **SYSTEMS**

### Include the following:

- Communications
- Policies
- Assign duties and responsibilities
- Review claims data
- Audits and inspections
- Accident reporting and investigation
- Review emergency and contingency plans



## **BENEFITS**

#### \* Minimize

- Frequency and severity of accidents
- Loss of equipment and property
- Interruptions of service to consumers

#### \* Provide

- Safe environment for employees
- Resistance against claims of negligence

#### \* Reduce

- Payout of insurance claims
- Money in your corporate pockets



## **FUTURE**

- Safety and Loss Prevention Observations
  - Annually
    - Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC) 12/yr
  - Upon request
  - Recommendations
    - Not punitive
- \* Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP)
- Safety Committee
  - Share best practices



## **RESAP**

### Vision (NRECA)

Working <u>together</u> to create a true Culture of Safety

#### Mission

 Assist Co-ops to continually evaluate and improve safety performance to create a <u>safer</u> workplace

## Creating a True Culture of Safety

- Strengthen leadership engagement (top down)
- Safety improvement planning
- Enable a process to identify and reduce exposure
  - > i.e. Speak Up! Listen Up!
    - Audience Participation



# QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

