



How to Participate

To become a part of KSMAP, a participating utility will need to complete the following:

- Adopt a resolution approving the program agreement;
- Compile and update personnel, inventory, and equipment available for assisting other utilities;
- Agree to assist other utilities when your utility has the capability to assist others;
- Be prepared to reimburse assisting utilities for personnel costs and FEMA equipment rates;
- Submit information to the KSMAP program; and
- Provide appropriate training to personnel.

Your utilities' participation can help to restore essential utility services to residents and customers of your utility and others when emergencies or disasters strike.



2007 Kansas Ice Storm



KSMAP

KSMAP is a state-wide mutual aid program for water, wastewater, natural gas and electric utilities and a coordinated project of the following organizations:



For more information, please visit:
www.ksmap.org.

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Kansas Mutual Aid Program for Utilities

Bringing the Pieces Together



Southeast Kansas Flooding



Mutual Aid Need

The State of Kansas has experienced a number of disasters and emergency situations causing significant damage to the utility infrastructure across the state. The Greensburg and Chapman tornadoes, the flooding of Southeast Kansas, and recent ice storms are examples of the devastation that can be caused requiring extraordinary emergency efforts to restore utility services.

These disasters have demonstrated the need for a more effectively coordinated effort to respond to emergencies impacting utility systems including water, wastewater, natural gas and electric systems. Kansas has always had a strong concept of neighbor helping neighbor, and a strong mutual aid program will formalize that ideal as utilities work together in times of crisis.



The Program

The mutual aid program is a cooperative effort of state utility associations and state government agencies including:

- Kansas Municipal Utilities;
- Kansas Rural Water Association;
- Kansas Section—American Water Works Association;
- Kansas Water Environment Association;
- Kansas Corporation Commission; and
- Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

Recognizing that Kansans have a strong commitment to helping each other, but this assistance needed to be better coordinated, particularly in a large-scale emergency. These organizations agreed to work collectively to develop an emergency response effort for Kansas utilities creating KSMAP.

The KSMAP program provides an organized structure for requesting and responding with help for utilities. This program has been developed because:

- Utilities typically require specialized resources, equipment, and personnel to sustain operations;
- Large-scale disasters can quickly outstrip a utility's ability to respond and recover on its own;
- Neighboring utilities are willing to provide assistance; and
- Agreements need to be in place prior to an incident occurring.



When Disaster Strikes

The primary concerns when disaster strikes your utility are:

- Protect the public health, safety and welfare;
- Secure the area and utility assets;
- Assess the damage;
- Determine priorities for recovery; and
- Restoration and clean-up.

KSMAP can help.

Greensburg prior to 2007 tornado.



Greensburg after 2007 tornado.

