

2014 NACo Western Interstate Region Conference

Optional Tour /Eklutna Lake and Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility

Tuesday, May 20

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*Note: The Bus will depart the Hilton Anchorage at 1:00 p.m.
and will return to the hotel at 4:30 p.m.*

Limited to 35 participants – first come, first served!

Anchorage Borough & Municipality is offering an optional tour for WIR Conference Participants.

Anchorage residents are accustomed to clean air, sparkling clear streams, a spacious natural urban environment, and one vital natural resource that we often take for granted, clear, clean, great tasting water!

Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility is the largest water and wastewater utility in Alaska serving Anchorage, Chugiak-Eagle River, Peters Creek, Eklutna and Girdwood. The Utility collects water from two major surface watersheds, Eklutna Lake and Ship Creek, and several deep underground wells. AWWU has over 52,000 water customer accounts which equates to an approximate population base of 216,800 residents.

The tour will travel from the Hilton Hotel in downtown Anchorage -- 45 minutes through gorgeous scenery to the AWWU Eklutna Water Treatment Facility.

Participants will leave the bus and tour the Eklutna Water Treatment Plant and see AWWU's deep wells and how modern technology allows the Utility to deliver water where it's needed each minute of the day. After the tour of the Eklutna Water Treatment Facility, the Participants will travel 10 minutes from the plant to the spectacular glacier-fed, Eklutna Lake. The lake is a vast, turquoise-blue body of water that's a drought-resistant natural reservoir. Runoff from the Eklutna Glacier and snow fields drains into the eight mile long lake. The water is drawn through a large diameter tunnel that winds through six miles of canyons and hillsides as it travels to the Eklutna Treatment Facility. You'll have time to take photos of this gorgeous natural resource – a rare find within the boundaries of a populated municipality.

The story of Anchorage's public water supply is one of foresight, planning and a continual commitment to quality. Some regions of the United States struggle to protect their water sources from pollution. Anchorage is fortunate to be virtually free from such problems. Many states, at times, must ration their water supplies and search for new sources of fresh water to sustain crops and growing communities. Anchorage benefits from pollution free water sources that will meet residents' needs well into the 21st century.

If you would like to sign up, please email nacomeetings@naco.org

Remember space is limited so sign up today!