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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Governor Dunleavy Declares 2025 Dec Napaskiak Power Outage a Disaster**

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a Disaster Declaration for the 2025 December Napaskiak Power Outage. The state's Public Assistance program has been activated to help the community recovery from this event.

On December 6, 2025, a winter windstorm and freezing rain knocked out power in the City of Napaskiak. In the aftermath of the storm, the communities water facilities and infrastructure froze which causing extensive damage to the community's ability to produce, store, and distribute potable water.

Drinking water needs in Napaskiak are currently being met through a small local water source, which is insufficient to meet the total community need, and by hauling water from Bethel.

The state's Public Assistance program is designed to restore critical infrastructure such as building, roads, utilities, bridges and communications to a pre-disaster condition. Local jurisdictions, tribal organizations, and certain non-profits with disaster damages may be eligible to apply for Public Assistance disaster recovery grants.

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