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## Superior Water, Light and Power relocates personnel, asks customers to conserve water during Husky refinery situation

Superior, Wisconsin – Superior Water, Light and Power is working closely with emergency management officials while continuing to deliver the essential services of electricity, natural gas and water during the refinery situation.

In the meantime, SWL&P asks its customers to please conserve water in the area. Superior Water, Light & Power has relocated its personnel following a mandatory evacuation declared as a result of the Husky refinery fire. SWL&P's main office is closed until the evacuation order is lifted, but customers calls are being handled by Minnesota Power's customer call representatives.

The company's primary consideration during this evacuation is the safety of employees, customers, residents and emergency responders. To ensure safety for everyone in the refinery area, SWL&P shut down natural gas service to the refinery, which also stopped service to nearby customers, affecting between 1-300 customers. Service to these customers will be restored as soon as it is safe to do so.

As the Husky refinery situation evolves, it is possible the smoke plume from the fire could shift across the Twin Ports, including Duluth. SWL&P and Minnesota Power employees will continue to monitor and respond to service problems as long as it is deemed safe to work in the affected area.

Superior Water, Light and Power provides electricity, water and natural gas in the city of Superior and adjacent areas in northwestern Wisconsin. The company has served the area since 1889 and provides services to approximately 14,000 electric customers, 12,000 natural gas customers and 10,000 water customers. More information can be found at www.swlp.com.

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