

COVENTRY LANDFILL GAS FIRE RESTORATION

COVENTRY, VT

THE CHALLENGE

During routine operation at the Washington Electric Cooperative in Coventry, Vermont, a fire started in one of the engines and quickly spread throughout the building rendering the facility useless.

THE SOLUTION

Pizzagalli located members of the team that had previously completed the installation of a landfill gas to energy project at this location. Key Pizzagalli supervisory personnel were reassigned to help Washington Electric Cooperative during their emergency without impact to our other projects.

DESCRIPTION

The senior project manager was on vacation when he received a call desperately seeking Pizzagalli's help. He quickly learned that Washington Electric Cooperative's Coventry Landfill Gas Facility had just suffered a paralyzing fire and was unable to continue operations – and they were losing money every second. The message was simple: "Please help us." Pizzagalli took immediate action. We knew the people best suited to evaluate the damage and expedite the repairs would be the team who completed the construction of the initial landfill gas to energy facility just months before. Since that team had moved on to a variety of other projects, arrangements were made immediately to restructure the teams on all associated projects, allowing Pizzagalli to provide Washington Cooperative Electric with their original construction team. That Pizzagalli team was on site within four hours and the necessary demolition,



removal, and repairs began in less than 12 hours. Crews worked around the clock to get Washington Electric Cooperative back online in just two months. And because our construction professionals come from strong, diverse backgrounds, there was no resulting impact to the quality, schedule, or budget on the other affected projects. The senior project manager on both the original project and this emergency effort said, "We didn't do anything that we wouldn't do for any customer in a time of need. They had an emergency. We treated them like we would want to be treated if the roles were reversed. It was the most important thing in the world to them at that instant and we reacted accordingly."



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