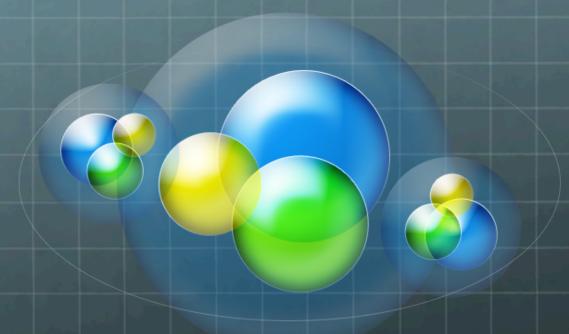
# "Novel" technology in the **Alaskan Situation**



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### "Novel"

From Merriam-Webster Dictionary Online

"new and not resembling something formally known or used"

# Truly "novel" technologies

- Nanoparticle impregnated sorbents/ion exchangers
- Advanced Oxidation processes
  - Hydroxyl radical promoters
  - Plasmon oxidation
  - E-Beam
- Exotic disinfectants
- Exotic membranes

These are not likely the technologies rural AK needs...

#### Risk

- Truly "novel" technologies have inherent risk
  - Not "tried and true"
  - O&M unknowns
  - Staff training requirements
  - The Alaska Factor

# Realistically "novel"

- Proven technology from other fields
- A combinations of technologies considering
  - current water/wastewater quality goals
  - future/variable water/wastewater quality goals
  - O&M feasibility
- Delivery/Collection Paradigm
- Optimization of Operation

# Implemented Examples

#### **Drinking Water**

- Ultra- and Nano-filtration Tubular Membranes
  - Origins in food processing industry

#### **Wastewater**

- Subsurface Injection
  - Common place for oil & gas industry

## **Broad Ideas**

- Other industries technologies
- Multiple levels of quality
- Decentralized treatment
  - Point-of-Use / On-site
  - Clustering
- Reduced Design Life
- Operating Techniques/Monitoring/ Regionalization

### How?

- Applied Research
  - May not directly result in construction

- Pilot/Demonstration
  - Real systems in real situations

# Thank you

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