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135 Utilities Awarded for Outstanding Safety Practices

One hundred thirty-five utilities have earned the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2021.

318 utilities from across the country entered the annual Safety Awards. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records during 2021. A utility's incidence rate, used to judge entries, is based on its number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2021, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"In our industry, safety is the top priority," said Bob Scudder, Chair of APPA's Safety Committee and Industrial Hygiene and Corporate Risk Manager at Grand River Dam Authority. "This is a commitment that needs to come from the top down and permeate every aspect of operations. These awarded utilities have embraced this priority, and they deserve to be celebrated."

The Safety Awards have been held annually for more than 65 years. A complete list of winners is available at <u>www.PublicPower.org</u>.

Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area; and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton.

The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. We represent public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 93,000 people they employ. Our association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Our members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power.