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GUAM POWER AUTHORITY (GPA) WINS NATIONAL SAFETY AWARD

Guam's Power Utility Awarded for Outstanding Safety Practices

The Guam Power Authority has earned the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2021. The utility earned a *Second Place* award in the "Group F" category for utilities with 250,000 to 999,999 worker-hours of annual worker exposure. GPA has earned top APPA safety awards based on exceptional incident rates since 1996.

"We at the Guam Power Authority are proud of the service we provide to our customers," said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. "Above all else, we are proud of our safety record - a testament to the hard, careful work that goes into everything we do and ensures our employees return safely home to their families each and every day," Benavente concluded. 135 utilities, including GPA, earned the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2021.

318 public power utilities from across the country vied for the annual APPA 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 www.PublicPower.org.

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2021 ELECTRIC UTILITY

SAFETY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

**Guam Power Authority
Mangilao, Guam**

For meritorious achievement in attaining a
low incidence rate during the year 2021

SECOND PLACE

Group F, for systems with 250,000 – 999,999 worker-hours of exposure

Robert Scudder, Chair, Safety Committee

Joy Ditto, President & CEO

