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Guam Power Authority Honored With National Award For Outstanding Safety Practices





(Fadian, Mangilao) – The Guam Power Authority (GPA) has earned the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2023. The utility earned the **Gold award** in the category G for utilities with 1,000,000 to 3,999,999 worker-hours of annual worker exposure.

"Safety is and always will be a top priority of GPA's to ensure that our employees are informed and trained on safety practices so they may return home safely to their families after each work day," said GPA Safety and Physical Security Manager Kenneth J. Gutierrez, PSP. "This recognition is an achievement of the Guam Power Authority as a whole, committed towards delivering safe, reliable, sustainable and affordable electrical services," added Gutierrez.

More than **160** utilities entered the annual Safety Awards for 2023. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records and overall state of their safety programs and culture during 2023. The incidence rate is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2023, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"GPA is proud of its safety record," said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. "This award is a testament to the hard work that goes into ensuring that our team members go home safe to their families every day." added Benavente.

"In our industry, safety has to be top of mind all day every day," said Scott McKenzie, Chair of APPA's Engineering and Operations Conference safety track and Senior Director of Member Training & Safety at AMP Inc. "These honored utilities have demonstrated a commitment to safety that runs through every aspect of their organizations."

The Safety Awards have been held annually for more than 65 years. The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide.

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