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## **News Release**

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### **112 UTILITIES AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES**

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 25, 2013—One hundred twelve public power systems have earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2012. Bob Rumbaugh, chair of the APPA Safety Committee and energy services consultant, American Municipal Power, Inc., in Columbus, Ohio, presented the award on March 25, during the association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Kissimmee, Fla.

"Keeping utility staff and customers safe should be every utility's top priority," said Rumbaugh. "The utilities honored today have demonstrated serious commitment to this essential aspect of electric service."

More than 280 utilities entered the annual contest, which is the highest number of entrants in the contest's history. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker hours and judged for the most incident-free records during 2012. The incidence rate, used to judge contest entries, is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2012, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

A complete list of winners is available at [www.PublicPower.org](http://www.PublicPower.org).

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