



## News Release

### 104 UTILITIES AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 21, 2011—One hundred four public power systems have earned the American Public Power Association’s Electric Utility Safety Awards of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2010. David Dwinell, chair of the APPA Safety Committee and safety specialist at Denton, Texas, Municipal Electric presented the award on March 21, during the association’s annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Nashville, Tennessee.

“When it comes to running an electric utility, safety should always be a top priority,” said Dwinell. “These utilities stand out as strong examples of how to run an operation that keeps utility staff out of harm’s way.”

More than 257 utilities entered the annual contest, which reviews three years worth of data prior to considering utilities for an award. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker hours and judged for the most incident-free records during 2010. 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 2010, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

See [list](#) of winners in eight categories based on size.

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