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98 UTILITIES AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 17, 2012—Ninety-eight public power systems have earned the American Public Power Association’s Electric Utility Safety Awards of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2011. Darrell Shaw, chair of the APPA Safety Committee and Safety & Technical Training Specialist at Memphis, Tennessee, Light Gas & Water Division presented the award on April 17, during the association’s annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Cleveland, Ohio.

“Safety should always be priority number one for electric utilities,” said Shaw. “Sending each and every one of our employees home safe to their families every night is what it’s all about.”

More than 275 utilities entered the annual contest. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker hours and judged for the most incident-free records during 2011. 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 2011, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

A complete list of winners is available at www.PublicPower.org/safety.

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