



# SAFETY TRACKER

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## Frequently Asked Questions

To ensure a seamless transition from the current eSafety Tracker to the new and improved tracker, we compiled answers to some frequently asked questions. If you have questions not addressed here, please contact [Safety@PublicPower.org](mailto:Safety@PublicPower.org).

### 1. **Why should my utility purchase an eST subscription?**

The new eST provides the tools and resources utilities need for an effective safety management program in a one-stop shop platform – including briefings, meetings, incident-reporting, trends, analytical data, and compliance reporting. eST covers all bases and provides intuitive data for a successful safety-first operation.

### **How does the new tracker differ from the current version of the tool?**

In addition to the ability to record safety meetings, track incidents, and draft compliance reports, the new tracker allows utilities to:

- Assign and track completion of all utility training programs, including internal and external qualifications, and classroom, web-based on-the-job, and field trainings.
- Complete and track crew and compliance inspections.
- Upload organization-specific documents and training materials, including standards/specification documents, procedures, and inspection forms.
- Access a searchable, digital APPA Safety Manual without an additional fee.
- The new tracker is available via mobile app for IOS and Android devices so users can access key features like the searchable safety manual and utility-specific documents, remotely and off-line.

### **How was the new version of eST developed?**

The new tracker was developed with APPA members in mind. APPA sought feedback from members through listening sessions, partnered with a vendor that produces similar platforms for the Department of Defense, and solicited a safety consultant with 20+ years of public utility experience.

APPA conducted a current tracker pilot test with four APPA members - ElectriCities of North Carolina (ECNC), Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA), Lafayette Utilities Systems (LUS), Minnesota Municipal Utility Authority (MMUA). The platform was refined during the pilot based on their feedback.

### **Can the mobile app be used without internet connection?**

Yes, the mobile app can be used while offline. Any data submitted will automatically upload once internet connection is restored.



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5. **Is the 17th Edition Safety Manual included in the platform?**

Yes, the 17th Edition Safety Manual is included in the current tracker platform at no additional cost.

6. **Who developed the training materials on the new tracker?**

The platform includes the APPA SafetySmart video series at no extra cost. Utilities can also upload their own specific training materials.

7. **Can utilities upload their own utility-specific training materials to the new tracker?**

Yes, utilities can upload organization-specific documents and training materials, including standards/specification documents, procedures, and inspection forms. These documents will also be available via the mobile app.

8. **Can this system help my utility produce OSHA 300 logs and other reporting documents?**

Yes, the new tracker has reporting capabilities that produces OSHA 300 logs, trending data reports, and other compliance or safety-related reports.

9. **When will the new tracker be available?**

It is available for purchase now from the APPA online product store.

10. **How much will the new tracker cost?**

The new tracker will cost \$55 per user/per year. A user is defined as any person that is tracked in the system.

11. **Is the current tracker going away?**

Yes, APPA will shut down the current tracker on August 1, 2024.

12. **What will happen to the data stored in the current tracker?**

APPA will capture and download all system data as of July 15, 2024. APPA will store and make the data accessible for utilities that need it in the future.

13. **What if I paid for the current tracker into next year?**

APPA has identified the members who will receive a credit based on their current tracker subscription and will contact them to discuss their credit.

For more information on the new tracker, contact [eSafetyTracker@PublicPower.org](mailto:eSafetyTracker@PublicPower.org)