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**KYMEA MEMBERS HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES**

Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency's members, Madisonville Municipal Utilities and Frankfort Plant Board have earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2021.

"In our industry, safety is the top priority," said Bob Scudder, Chair of APPA's Safety Committee and Industrial Hygiene and Corporate Risk Manager at Grand River Dam Authority. "This is a commitment that needs to come from the top down and permeate every aspect of operations. These awarded utilities have embraced this priority, and they deserve to be celebrated."

318 utilities from across the country entered the annual Safety Awards. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records during 2021. The incidence rate, used to judge entries, is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2021, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"KYMEA member utilities value employee safety above all else," said Doug Buresh, President and CEO of KYMEA. "Our leaders recognize the importance of going home to their families each day; this is what drives their dedication to safety."

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

Read more on APPA's Safety Award and view a copy of the [report](https://www.publicpower.org/reports/safety-award) on www.publicpower.org.

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