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LAFAYETTE UTILITIES SYSTEM HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES

LAFAYETTE, LA– Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) has earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2023. LUS earned the Gold award in the category for utilities with 374,000 worker-hours of annual worker exposure.

More than 160 utilities entered the 2023 Safety Awards. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker-hours and were ranked based on the most incident-free records as well as the overall state of their safety programs and culture in 2023. The incident rate is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"Lafayette Utilities System is proud of its safety record," said Greg Labbe', Electric Operations Manager of LUS. "This award is a testament to the hard work that goes into ensuring our team members go home safe to their families every day."

"In our industry, safety has to be top of mind all day, every day," said Scott McKenzie, Chair of APPA's Engineering and Operations Conference safety track and Senior Director of Member Training & Safety at AMP Inc. "These honored utilities have demonstrated a commitment to safety that runs through every aspect of their organizations."

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

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