



# GUAM POWER AUTHORITY

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## GUAM POWER AUTHORITY HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES



(Fadian, Mangilao) – The Guam Power Authority (GPA) has once again earned the American Public Power Association’s Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2025. GPA earned the **Diamond** award - the highest ranking in the category for utilities with 250,000 to 999,999 worker-hours of annual worker exposure.

“Safety is and always will be a top priority of GPA to ensure that our employees are informed and trained on safety practices so they may return home safely to their families after each work day,” said GPA Safety and Physical Security Manager Kenneth J. Gutierrez, PSP. “This award is a testament of the hard work that has gone into building this culture and ensuring that our team members have a safe work environment,” Gutierrez added.

More than 240 utilities entered the annual Safety Awards for 2025. The entrants are placed in accordance with their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records and overall state of their safety programs and culture during 2025. The incidence rate is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2025, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

“GPA is proud of our safety culture,” said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. “This recognition is an achievement of GPA as a whole, committed towards delivering safe, clean, reliable, and more affordable energy on a sustained basis,” added Benavente.

“In Public Power, safety excellence isn’t achieved by chance. It’s earned through unwavering discipline, strong leadership, and a culture where every team member looks out for one another,” said Jon Beasley, Chair of APPA’s Safety Committee and Vice-President of Electric Cities of GA. “These Safety Award recipients stand as proof that commitment and consistency save lives, strengthen communities, and set the benchmark for our entire industry,”

APPA has conducted the Safety Awards annually for more than sixty-eight years. APPA is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide.



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**Group Photo Caption:** (Left to right) Kenneth J. Gutierrez, PSP, GPA Safety and Physical Security Manager; Eddie Nick Q. Camacho, GPA Safety Inspector III; Gerald T. Smith, GPA Safety Inspector III; Jacqueline San Nicolas, GPA Safety Administrative Officer; Manuel Quenga, Safety Inspector I; Jarred C. Alerta, GPA Safety Inspector II; Richard C. Masnayan, GPA Safety Inspector Supervisor.