

2008 Accident Prevention Data Survey & Awards

Greetings from the Midwest Energy Association!

The Accident Prevention Data Survey & Awards is designed to recognize those companies with outstanding safety records and to provide a safety benchmark among natural gas and electric utilities.

Submission of this data will serve two important functions:

1. **Benchmarking** – All companies submitting data may receive a summary copy of the results. This summary version may be very useful in helping to benchmark your safety record against your peer companies. Note that all company-specific data is kept confidential and data is only shared in a summary format (winning company's results excepted)
2. **Accident Prevention Award** - The companies with the lowest incident rate in their respective category will receive an MEA Accident Prevention Award.

Please complete the entry form and return to MEA by **February 27, 2009**.

Award winners will be honored at the **Electric Operations Conference (May 6th; Springfield, IL) and the Gas Operations Conference (August 5th; Ames, IA)**. This is a great opportunity to have your company recognized in the area of Accident Prevention.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Best regards,

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A Eligibility:

This program is open to all utility members of the Midwest Energy Association.

Data is submitted for all employees within the regulated utility including gas and electric personnel for utilities that have both gas and electric distribution.

B Submissions:

Distribution companies shall be divided into four categories based on the number of Employee- hours worked annually in each company's applicable division.

Categories are (employee hours worked):

- 0 - 100,000
- 100,001 – 1,000,000
- 1,000,001 - 10,000,000
- 10,000,001 - and up

In addition, there is one category for gas transmission companies.

Actual Employee-hours worked shall be the basis for the data.

C Accident Data Period:

The applicable data is from January 1 to December 31, 2008.

D Basis of Awards:

Awards will be presented to the company or companies in each category having the lowest Days Away, Restricted or Transferred incidents rate (also referred to as the DART rate) at the conclusion of the data period. DART cases shall include:

- 1 Cases involving deaths
- 2 Cases involving days away from work
- 3 Cases involving job transfer or restriction

DART shall be computed as follows:

$$\text{DART} = \frac{\# \text{ of lost workday, restricted cases} \times 200,000}{\text{Employee-hours worked}}$$

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E Reportable Injuries:

A reportable DART case shall be any incident reported on OSHA Form #300, “Log and Summary of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses” and appearing in Columns G, H and I of that form. In addition, we are collecting information on the OSHA rate (Column J, Form #300).

All reporting shall be in compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Regulation 29 CFR, Part 1904.

F Reporting Method

Each member company is invited to submit data at the end on the Data Submission Form furnished by the Midwest Energy Association. MEA will solicit this data from all member companies in the first quarter of the year following the year to which the data is applicable.