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Cleary Construction Wins Top Industry Safety Award
Kentucky Construction Company's Safety Program Best In Nation

(Fairfax, Va.) – The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) proudly awarded Cleary Construction, Inc. of Tompkinsville, Kentucky, the Overall Winner of the association's prestigious William H. Feather Safety Award.

The company's impressive record in 2022 of 327,933 man-hour worked with zero recordable accidents or injuries, and zero fatalities, brought Cleary to the final selection by NUCA's safety experts.

"Cleary wants all employees to pride themselves on the safety culture of our company and know they are as safe as possible when working on our jobsites," wrote Cleary's representative in the company's NUCA Safety Award application.

All new employees go through safety orientation and participate in several safety stand-down sessions and annual companywide safety training days. Cleary employs a third-party safety consultant and relies on NUCA's safety resources and events to reinforce their company's safety culture.

Cleary's safety department and safety committee randomly inspects their jobsites to ensure their employees are using the safest jobsite practices at all times. The company also keeps a visual running record of days without incidents to motivate pride in employee participation, and rewards their employees when safety milestones are achieved. These protocols, training, and employee self-awareness all contributed to Cleary's award-winning safety record.

The William H. Feather Award was created by NUCA in 1978 to honor the contributions of the founding chairman of NUCA's Safety Committee. William Feather. The awards recognize the superior safety commitments demonstrated by NUCA members in an industry where jobsites can present hazards on a daily basis. The annual awards are awarded based on the safety documentation submitted by interested member companies and judged by industry safety professionals.

NUCA and the industry are proud of those who win these important awards in each award category. Other NUCA members who won the association's three lesser 2022 safety awards in these manhour categories include:

- 0 – 100,000 manhours – Iowa Trenchless of Panora, Iowa
- 100,001 – 200,000 manhours – J.F. Wilkerson Contracting, Inc. of Morrisville, N. Carolina
- 200,001 – 500,000 manhours – A.J. Johns, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida
- 500,000 – 1,000,000 manhours – MAC Construction & Excavating, of New Albany, Indiana

The 2022 Overall Award was presented to Cleary Construction at the association's Annual Meeting held in March of this year in Las Vegas, Nevada. Cleary Construction's achievement will be the subject of the "SafetyWORKS" column in an upcoming issue of Utility Contractor magazine.

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About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

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