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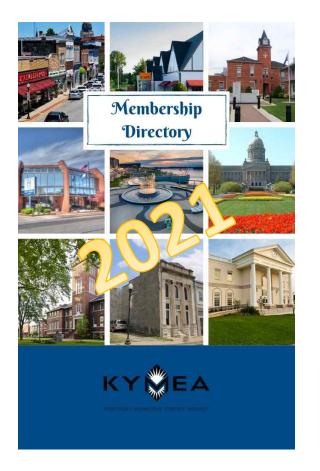
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February	
18 th at 10 AM	AR Rates Workshop
25 th at 10 AM	Combined Meeting of the AR Project Committee and the KYMEA Board of Directors
March	
25 th at 8:30 AM	BROC
25 th at 10 AM	Combined Meeting of the AR Project Committee and the KYMEA Board of Directors

2021 Member Directory





Please let us know if any of the following has changed and should be updated.

- Director or Alternate Director
- Mayor
- Board Members, Council Members, or Commissioners
- Attorney
- City Administrator

2021 APPA Virtual Legislative Rally





- Influence those who decide your community's future
- Learn about issues affecting public power
- Get the tools you need to help advocate for public power
- APPA sessions on March 1st & 2nd
- Meetings with KY Delegates may be scheduled March 1st - 4th

<u>Registration</u> is free for all attendees!

Vaccine for Critical Energy Infrastructure Workers



Secretary of Energy asks states to prioritize critical energy infrastructure workers for COVID vaccine

🖬 January 19, 2025 🖉 Paul Clampoli

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Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette on Jan. 15 urged the governors of 55 states and territories to prioritize critical infrastructure mission-essential workers during the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the letter, Brouillette noted that the critical infrastructure workforce should be prioritized for receipt of the COVID-rg vaccine, in both the public and private sector, including, investor-owned utilities, municipal-owned utilities, cooperatives, the Department of Energy's Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) sites, as well as members of the oil and natural gas subsector.

The electric power industry. including the nation's investor-owned utilities, municipal-owned utilities, cooperatives, and the IMAAs, "provide 24-7/365 electricity, necessary for the health and safety of all Americans", he wrote in the letter.

These critical electric infrastructure utility workers support and preserve the infrastructure and operations centers critical to maintaining the backbone of the electric grid. By prioritizing their health and safety for vaccine distribution alongside other frontline workers, we assure electricity distribution to the nation's rural and urban communities' he said.

Brouillette noted that essential critical infrastructure workers at the PMAs and NNSA sites conduct highly specialized tasks and cannot work from home or in isolation from others on the job site. "The PMAs operate electric systems and sell the electrical output of federally-owned and -operated hydroelectric dams in 34 states, their employees operate facilities that are needed to maintain the reliability and security of the nation's energy grid."

Similarly, NNSA's essential workers "handle a range of issues including nuclear weapon systems, global and potential domestic nuclear security threats, the management and disposal of hazardous nuclear materials, and the safe and secure transport of nuclear materials. These individuals continue to work every day, putting both themselves and their families' safety at risk in service of our nation," wrote Brouillette.

He said that prioritizing vaccination access for mission-essential workers is consistent with guidance contained in the October 2, 2020. Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 vaccine, by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, and the October 29, 2020. COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Operational Guidance for Jurisdictions Playbook, by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These reports recommend critical infrastructure workers be considered for prioritization based upon job function and exposure to risk.

The PMAs and NNSA's mission-essential workers must receive the vaccine through the states and territories, and therefore I respectfully ask that states and territories also include federal energy workers along with private energy sector workers as a high priority for voluntary access to initial inoculation. Such work is critical to public health and safety, as well as our economic and national security. Broullette said.

- On January 15th the Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette urged governors to prioritize critical infrastructure essential workers.
- Includes workforce in within IOUs, Municipal, Co-ops, and others in both public and private sectors.
- Based on job function and exposure to risk.
- States should consider workers as high priority for access to the initial inoculation.

https://www.publicpower.org/periodical/article/secretary-energy-asks-states-prioritize-critical-energy-infrastructure-workers-covid-vaccine

Utility Relief for Retail Customers



\$25B Emergency Rental Assistance Program

• Doesn't apply to KY communities with less than 200K population.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

 Funding available for all communities and is dispensed by community action agencies in all KY counties. <u>https://www.capky.org/network/</u>

Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV)

- \$38M designated for utility relief in Kentucky
- Local governments can request up to 200K
- <u>https://kydlgweb.ky.gov/FederalGrants/16_CDBG.cfm</u>

Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management



APPA, in partnership with other groups developed a step-by-step guide for public power utilities to design, implement, and mature cyber supply chain security programs.



Areas covered include:

- Key risk management concepts
- Regulatory and policy considerations
- NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection
 Standards
- Assessing your organization's risk and program maturity
- Supplier assessment criteria and methodology
- Designing and implementing risk
 management processes and controls
- Procurement processes and vendor agreements
- Roles and responsibilities