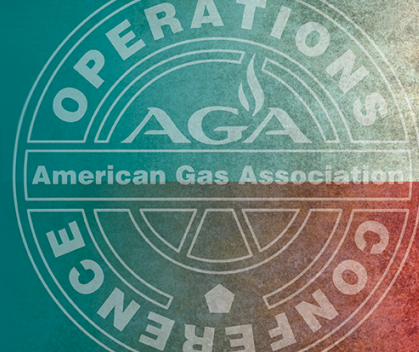




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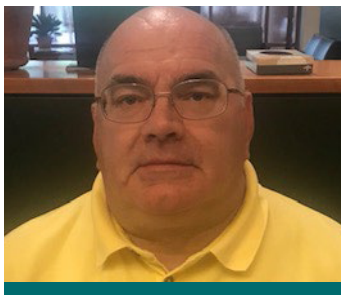


**GILD OF ANCIENT
SUPPLERS AWARD**

LUKE LITTEKEN

Luke Litteken, Senior Vice President, Gas, Xcel Energy, will be receiving the Gild of Ancient Suppliers Award for his leadership as chair of AGA's Operations Section Managing Committee. A donation in the amount of \$500 will go to the American Red Cross of the Mile High Area on his behalf.

The American Red Cross Mile High Area serves as the Regional Chapter for the Colorado & Wyoming Region, providing disaster leadership for the region and support for five chapters in Colorado and Wyoming.



**MILTON W. HEATH SR.
MEMORIAL AWARD**

ROBERT D. WILSON

Robert (Bob) Wilson, Vice President, Special Projects, Northeast Gas Association, will be receiving the 2023 Milton W. Heath, Sr. Memorial Award, sponsored by Heath Consultants.

Wilson is being recognized as a key contributor to the natural gas industry for his dedication in improving leak detection and prevention over the past 30 years.



**AGA MERITORIOUS
SERVICE AWARD**

RICHARD "DAVE" HORNBECK and JUSTIN HALL

Richard "Dave" Hornbeck and Justin Hall, Hope Gas, Inc., have been selected to receive the 2023 AGA Meritorious Service Award.

The AGA Meritorious Service Award is presented to individuals who have performed the worthiest act in the gas industry – saving a human life. This year, Hornbeck and Hall are being recognized for their heroic actions on June 14, 2022, when they rescued two young men from being swept away from a flooded creek due to a severe storm. Their quick response ensured the safety of these two young men.

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AGA RESEARCH AND
INNOVATION AWARD

NEW! AGA Research and Innovation Award

National Grid has been selected as a recipient of AGA's inaugural Research and Innovation Award. Utilizing safety science and artificial intelligence, the Worker Safety solution was developed and implemented across National Grid's Gas Construction team. This tool can assess field activities, identify hazards, and direct controls that are relevant to the tasks being performed. National Grid has seen promising results including an increase in the number of hazards identified, controls implemented, good catches, and more. This tool also helps to reduce the time spent on safety related administrative work each day.



SAVE AWARD

Safety Awareness Video Excellence (SAVE) Awards

Southwest Gas and ONE Gas, Inc., have been selected as recipients of the 2023 SAVE Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to natural gas communications safety and education. Southwest Gas' 'Megaphone Man' video was fun yet informative and expressed the crucial need for customers to call 811. While ONE Gas, Inc.'s 'Start When Safe' video proved that the slogan is memorable and can be used in many instances to promote safety. We thank them both for their participation and continued effort to be leaders in safety across the industry.

SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The following AGA member companies have earned Safety Achievement Awards for their outstanding commitment to employee and vehicular safety in 2022. The selection was based upon the companies that submitted their annual safety statistical data for calendar year 2022, based upon OSHA Recordable Injuries and Illnesses and Reportable Vehicle Incidents.



Employee Safety

Local Distribution

- Small
 - Appalachian Natural Gas Distribution Company
 - Columbia Gas of Maryland
 - Eastward Energy
 - EPCOR
 - Maine Natural Gas
 - NV Energy
 - Union Oil & Gas
 - Westfield Gas & Electric Light Department
- Medium-Small
 - Ameren Missouri
 - SiEnergy
- Medium-Large
 - Florida Public Utilities Company
- Large
 - Comgás
 - Dominion Energy North Carolina
- Very Large
 - Dominion Energy Ohio
- Mega
 - ONE Gas, Inc.

Combination Utilities

- Small
 - Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation
 - Delmarva Power
- Medium
 - Liberty
- Large
 - MidAmerican Energy Company

Transmission Companies

- Medium
 - Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company
 - Dow Pipeline Company
- Large
 - ONEOK, Inc.
 - Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline



Vehicular Safety

Local Distribution

UNS Gas, Inc.

Combination Utilities

Alliant Energy

Transmission Companies

Dow Pipeline Energy

Small Member Companies

NV Energy

2022 INDUSTRY LEADER ACCIDENT PREVENTION

The following AGA member companies have earned Accident Prevention Certificates by achieving a DART- incident rate below the industry average for their company type.



Companies with records of employee death(s) are not eligible for Accident Prevention Certificates or Safety Achievement Awards.

Local Distribution Companies

- Small
 - Aspire Energy
 - Greenwood
 - Commissioners of Public Works
 - Roanoke Gas
 - National Oil & Gas Cooperative
- Medium-Small
 - Columbia Gas of Kentucky
 - Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation
 - UNS Gas Inc.
 - Michigan Gas Utilities Company
 - Pacific Northern Gas, Ltd.
 - Roanoke Gas Company
 - Entergy Services, Inc.
- Medium-Large
 - Dominion Energy South Carolina
 - Elizabethtown Gas
 - ENSTAR Natural Gas Company
- Large
 - South Jersey Gas Company
 - TECO Peoples Gas, an Emera Company
 - SEMCO Energy
 - New Jersey Natural Gas Company
 - Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania
 - New Mexico Gas, an Emera Company
 - Mountaineer Gas Company
- Very Large
 - Dominion Energy Utah
 - Peoples Natural Gas
 - Summit Utilities, Inc.

- Mega
 - DTE Gas Company
 - Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
 - Duke Energy Gas Operations
 - Public Service Electric and Gas
 - Spire, Inc.

Combination Utilities

- Small
 - Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.
 - Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
- Medium
 - Puget Sound Energy
 - Ameren Illinois
 - Northern Indiana Public Service Company
 - Black Hills Energy
- Large
 - LG&E - KU Energy
 - Consolidated Edison Co. of NY, Inc.
 - Consumers Energy

Transmission Companies

- Medium
 - BHE-GT&S Eastern Gas Transmission
- Large
 - BHE-GT&S Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage

AWARD OF MERIT

The individuals listed have earned AGA Awards of Merit for their active and continuous service to the AGA Operations Section through participation on technical committees, as well as leadership in AGA events. The awards are based on a cumulative point system.



Lifetime Achievement Award (150+ Pts)

Tushar Shah, Eagle Research Corp.

Platinum Award of Merit (100 Pts)

Alicia Farag, Locusview

Reid Hess, Dominion Energy Utah

Gold Award of Merit (75 Pts)

Mary Palkovich, Formerly with Consumers Energy

Douglas E. Stearns, P.E., JMS Natural Gas Consulting LLC

Michael B. Zandaroski, CenterPoint Energy

Silver Award of Merit (50 Pts)

Robb Albers, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation

Lance R. Andrews, Atmos Energy

Kerry Checkwitch, P.E., Enbridge Inc.

Eric DeBonis, DeBonis Consulting, LLC

Scott T. Edgerton, New Jersey Natural Gas Company

Chris Foley, RCP Inc.

Melton Huey, Duke Energy Corporation

David Monte, Formerly with NiSource

Troy Paige, P.E., Atmos Energy

Leticia Quezada, Southern Company Gas

George Ragula, RagulaTech

Michelle Trapp, Sensus, a xylem brand

Patrick E. Whiteside, Nicor Gas

Paul M. Wolven, Consumers Energy Company

Bronze Award of Merit (25 Pts)

Mary Abens, Emerson Automation Solution - Energy + Transportation Solutions

Kurt E. Adams, Consumers Energy Company

Martin Bragg, Honeywell Process Solutions

Scott Brown, Washington Gas

Victor A. Cardenas, Southwest Gas Corporation

Cari Colton, NW Natural

Gregory Corbett, Southern Company Gas

Kevin Cowan, Integrity Solutions Field Services

Karen Crippen, GTI Energy

Joseph Deters, Jr., Southern Company Gas

Melissa D. Fearing, Xcel Energy Inc.

Michael J. Gaffney, Public Service Electric & Gas Company

Martin Gamez, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Austin Hastings, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Johnnetta Johnson, ONE Gas

Kristopher J. Kelley, TECO Peoples Gas

John H. Klippert, Puget Sound Energy

Luke Litteken, Xcel Energy Inc.

Gifford L. Ludwigsen, Underground Construction Co., Inc.

Francis M. McBrien, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

John McDill, Atmos Energy

John Pritz, Xcel Energy Inc.

Alan D. Redding, P.E., Consumers Energy Company

Richard T. Rogers, Southern Company Gas

Marc A. Simone, SEMCO Energy Gas Company

Shane Thacker, Southwest Gas Corporation

Stephanie V. Watson, Ph.D., Consumers Energy Company