

SIEC Receives Safety Achievement Status

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) developed a new approach for an enhanced national safety program in 2010 called the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP). SIEC was recently recognized for achieving safety excellence through RESAP and NRECA. **Ronald Sullivan**

The intent of the enhanced program is to establish a foundation for continuous improvement which emphasizes leadership engagement toward improving safety results. The primary objective of this program is to better enable electric cooperatives to reduce injuries over time.

For several months, SIEC has been working toward key components of RESAP by:

- **Obtaining a safety leadership commitment by General Manager Larry Lovell.**

One of the strongest predictors of improved safety results is the level of commitment and engagement of organizational leaders.

- **Developing an enhanced assessment process.**

SIEC's safety team identified strengths and areas for improvement. Employees worked tirelessly to improve safety issues as multiple walk-through assessments were performed.



From left to right: SIEC Warehouseman Todd Thurston, Building & Grounds Maintenance Coordinator Steve Fear, System Engineer & Safety Director John Harris, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives Manager of Regulatory Compliance Steve Davis and General Counsel Norman Conrad

- **Creating a cooperative safety improvement plan.**

Based on results of the assessment process, a detailed, goal-oriented improvement plan was created, which combines key areas of safety efforts into a disciplined cycle, and prioritizes improvement actions toward the greatest areas of improvement. **Jeff D. Clayton**

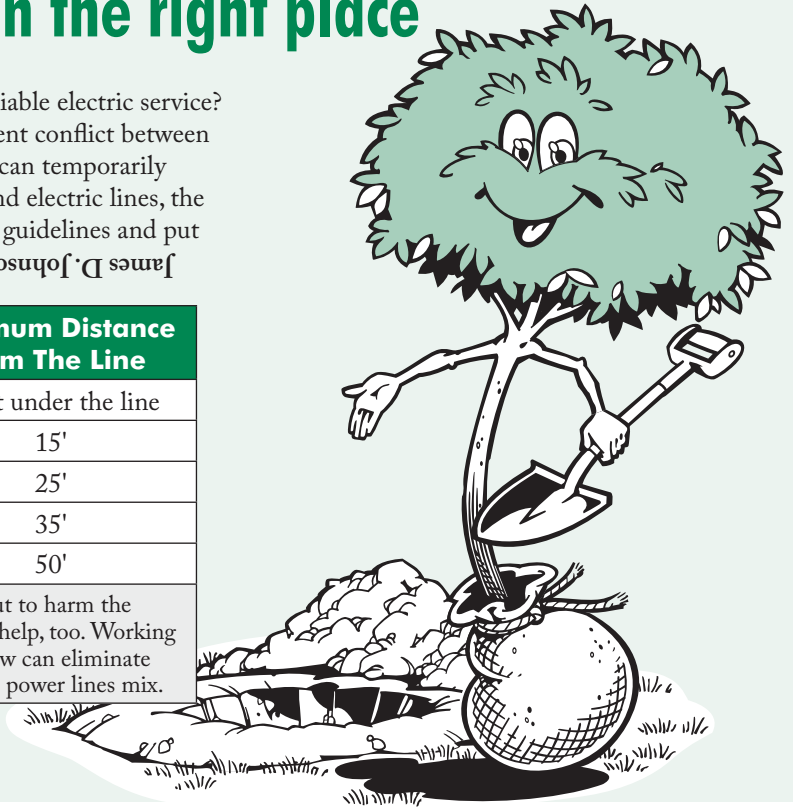
Congratulations to all SIEC employees for achieving this first-time accomplishment. Because of the numerous improvements to SIEC's previous safety environment and its firm focus on enhancing safe behaviors, its goal is to reduce unsafe acts and risks to injury. Employees are now owners of their new safety culture because it took everyone to achieve this excellence in safety.

The right tree in the right place

Is it possible to have trees and reliable electric service? It is if we work together to prevent conflict between the two. Though pruning methods can temporarily eliminate conflicts between trees and electric lines, the solution is to follow these planting guidelines and put the right tree in the right place. *James D. Johnson*

Mature Tree Height	Minimum Distance From The Line
10 feet	Right under the line
15'-20'	15'
25'-30'	25'
35'-45'	35'
50' or taller	50'

Remember, the forestry crew is not out to harm the trees that you love so much. You can help, too. Working cooperatively, you and the forestry crew can eliminate the sparks that fly when branches and power lines mix.



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Are you a Member or Customer of SIEC?



See page 9 for answer.

Tornado Safety Tips

Practice and Prepare

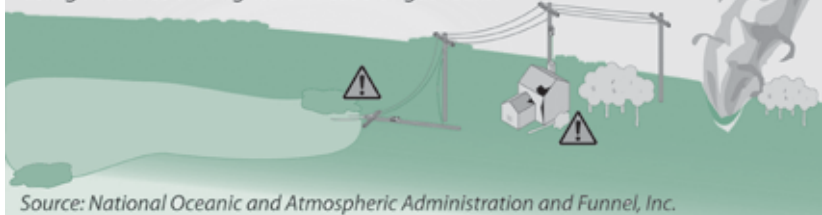
Know where you'll meet your family during the tornado (and after). Practice a tornado drill annually. Keep a weather radio in your storm shelter, along with safety supplies.

Seek Shelter

Go to your basement, a small interior room, or under stairs on the lowest floor of the house. If you live in a mobile home, get out and look for a stable building. If outside, find low ground—away from trees and cars—and lie face down with your arms protecting your head.

After the Storm

Stay away from downed power lines, and avoid flooded areas—power lines could be submerged and still live with electricity. Don't enter seriously damaged buildings and avoid using matches and lighters in case of gas leaks.



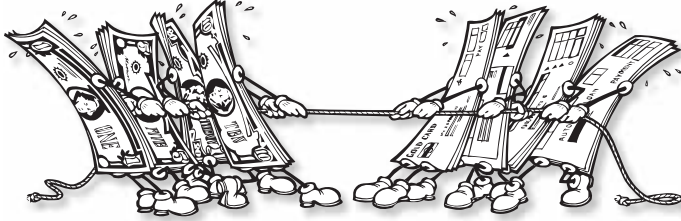
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 in observance of Good Friday**

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