



AEA SAFETY COMMITTEE
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Securing the Systems That Keep America Strong

As we mark the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence, it's a timely reminder that secure water and wastewater systems are essential to every community's safety. July is a good month to reinforce security and operational awareness across plants, pump stations, lift stations, chemical storage areas, and SCADA-controlled assets. Check gate locks, access control, chemical deliveries, cybersecurity alerts, confined-space entry points, and after-hours protocols to protect operators, the environment, and the public.



[Dept of Homeland Security Facility Assessment & Resources](#)

REMINDER!!!!!! 2025 Right to Know Surveys

Due July 15, 2026

NJ RIGHT TO KNOW FILING INFORMATION

KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE SHARE THESE LINKS



FIREWORKS AND SPARKLERS

POOL SAFETY

BEACH SAFETY

BBQ GRILLING

PET SAFETY



HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE TIME TO REVIEW YOUR EMERGENCY PLANS!

NOAA 2026 HURRICANE SEASON

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

GETTING STARTED GUIDE

FEMA PLANNING GUIDE



July Incident Discussion



During a routine instrument check, an operator opened a low-voltage control panel while an electrician isolated what he believed was the correct breaker. Moments later, the panel unexpectedly re-energized, and a status light illuminated just as the operator's hand was inside the enclosure. He pulled back immediately, avoiding contact with energized terminals. The near miss was caused by incorrect breaker identification, lack of voltage verification, and assumptions about low-voltage safety. This incident reinforces the need for test-before-touch procedures, clear communication between staff, and strict adherence to electrical safety protocols.

[OSHA Electrical Safety Resource](#)

[OSHA Near Miss Incident Template](#)

[OSHA Severe Injury Reporting](#)

If you have any safety or risk management issues the AEA Safety Committee is here to help!

Need answers or resources email JKessler@acua.com or Karen@aeanj.org

Our committee meets quarterly if you would like to join us!

Our next scheduled Zoom meeting is Friday, July 17th at 10:00 am

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