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## The Association of Geohazard Professionals Announce Rope Access Safety Recognition Recipients for 2024

Bridgewater, NJ, (February 10, 2025) - The Association of Geohazard Professionals is pleased to recognize Access Limited Construction, Apex Rockfall Mitigation, Axis Stabilization, BAT Construction LTD., Delve Underground, Emil Anderson Construction (EAC) Inc., Gannett Fleming Inc, GeoStabilization International®, GRA Global Rockwork, GZA GeoEnvironmental, New York State Parks and Recreation, Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd., Washington State Department of Transportation, and Yeh and Associates, Inc. as recipients of the 2024 AGHP Rope Access Safety Recognition Program. This program, honoring best-in-class safety development and implementation initiatives within the geohazard industry, distinguishes companies that foster and employ safe rope access work procedures, provide education and training to their personnel, and commit to enhancing the safety culture within their organizations. Criteria for consideration include:

- lowest TRC rate
- minimum combined 85-point score in leading and trailing safety indicator categories
- lowest Days Away and Restricted duty/job Transfer case (DART) rate.

Each applicants' safety program and performance metrics were reviewed, including Total Incident Rates and Lost Time / Modified Duty Rates statistics. Additionally, management involvement and commitment to the firm's safety program, written rope access safety procedures, and adherence to industry best practices were examined.

"Ensuring worker safety in geohazard mitigation is paramount, especially when operating in dynamic environments and on unstable terrain. Rope access techniques are essential for reaching difficult locations safely and efficiently. By prioritizing rigorous training, using high-quality equipment, and conducting thorough risk assessments, we can protect workers while effectively mitigating geohazards.

The AGHP recognizes industry leaders who take rope access safety seriously through the annual Rope Access Safety Recognition program. With a total of 15 recipients this year, these organizations have proven track records and integrated safety procedures to ensure projects are carried out safely and efficiently. Congratulations to all the recipients; we wish you another successful and safe year!"

Joe Krupansky, President of the Association of Geohazard Professionals

For more information on the Rope Access Safety Recognition, click <u>here</u>. Applications for the 2025 recognition will open in June of 2025. To learn more about the Association of Geohazard Professionals and become a member, click <u>here</u>.

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## **About the Association of Geohazard Professionals**

The AGHP supports geohazard professionals in improving public safety and preservation of infrastructure by sharing best practices, providing education, and advancing the industry. Manufacturers, engineers, agency personnel, contractors and all others interacting with geohazards design, installation and implementation are invited to join the association and contribute to the achievement of our goals.