

# H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM



OPS-MX

Agency: Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

Employee Nominated:

Name: Russ Whitbey

Job Classification: Water Tender

**Reason for Nomination:** When a repair to a meter or a valve is needed, the turnout must first be isolated and then the water must be bled off. On all the turnouts the bleeder valve is pointed right at the isolation valve. After the isolation valve is closed and the bleeder valve is opened, the area around the turnout and valve key becomes wet and slippery which is ideal for a slip and fall. Russ fabricated a cover from a plastic tarp with grommet holes to go around the turnout and bleeder valve, which keeps the bled off water inside the turnout ring, which is full of gravel. Because of the grommets, the tarp will work on 8", 10", and 12" turnouts throughout the District. When not in use the tarp is neatly folded up in the toolbox of his truck.

Nominated by: Mike Pilatti

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: October 9, 2014

General Manager: Rob Kunde

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Please attach supporting documents and/or digital photos and email to:

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**BEFORE:** After the isolation valve is closed, the bleeder valve is opened, soaking the area, making the ground slippery which could lead to a slip and fall.

**Now:** When the isolation valve is closed, a plastic tarp is wrapped around the turnout before opening the bleeder valve, keeping the bled off water inside the gravel filled ring.

