

H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM



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Agency: Vista Irrigation District

Employees Nominated: Chris Craghead, System Controls Technician II

Reason for Nomination: Valve Lockout-Tagout Identification Plate

Background:

Valves of all types and sizes need to be temporarily secured in a "closed" (or, in some cases, "open") position to stop (or maintain) the flow of water through the District's distribution system. Once in the "closed" position, a valve must be isolated and locked-out, ensuring that the position of the valve cannot be changed. Valves isolated in the "closed" position allow pipelines and appurtenances to be properly "de-energized" while employee's are performing routine maintenance, scheduled or emergency repairs or replacing of pipelines, valves, blow-offs, etc.

Chris Craghead recognized that the existing lockout device, developed in-house, could be redesigned and improved upon. With the help of Steve Wuerth, System Controls Supervisor, a new standard design was created. The design was detailed in CAD, water jet cut to design specifications, and powder coated bright red to clearly communicate a locked valve to anyone who might be working on a project. Coupled with the use of pre-cut chain and the appropriate lockout tags, this device can be placed over the operating assembly of a valve allowing it to be locked in an "open" or "closed" position. The plate was designed so that it will work on the valve in any position and maintain the ability to be "locked-out". The use of the new lockout/tagout device has enhanced employee safety.

Nominated by:

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General Manager: Eldon Boone

Signature: *Eldon Boone* Date: 10/6/16

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