

# NOMINATION FORM



## H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM

AGENCY: Helix Water District

Employee Nominated:

Name: Albert Sebastian

Job Classification: Plant Operator II

**Reason for Nomination:** The District identified the need to guard the rotating shafts on its pumps in accordance with OSHA requirements and good safety practice. Unfortunately the pumps did not come from the manufacturer with shafts fully guarded.

Albert Sebastian took on the challenge of design and fabrication of removable guards for the exposed portion of the pump shafts. The District has a variety of pump sizes so Albert came up with a slightly different design for each one. The guards were fabricated out of scrap aluminum and mesh. The largest one cost approximately \$5.00 in materials to construct. The guard frame was attached to the pump housing with two-way tape and super glue. The guards themselves slide in and out of the frame for easy removal during maintenance and repair operations.

The installation of guards will keep fingers, clothing, hair, etc. from being accidentally caught in moving equipment. Such an incident could cause a severe employee injury.

Nominated by: Suseh Doubrava

Signature: 

Date: February 10, 2010

Reviewed by: 

General Manager: Mark S. Weston

Date: 2/11/10

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