

# H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM



Agency: Sweetwater Authority

Employee Nominated:

Name: Spencer Atkins

Job Classification: Utility Worker I

**Reason for Nomination:** Spencer noticed when performing water main shutdowns the field crews would have to increase the size of the shut down when they encountered a gate valve with a rounded operating nut. Spencer recommended to purchase a 'Gator Grip' gate valve key that he had used at his previous job to operate gate valves with rounded operating nuts.

When the tool is placed on a rounded operating nut and pressure is applied, the tool tightens up securely holding the nut reducing the potential for the key to slip off. This reduces the potential for employees to be injured when operating valves, and eliminates the requirement to expand water system shutdown zones.

Nominated by: Sweetwater Authority

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

General Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gator Grip Device



Inside the Gator Grip