

Addendum to H.R. Labounty Safety Award Nomination Form.

Agency: Rio Alto Water District

OPS-INFRA

Employee Nominated: Michael Brown

OPS-FALLS

ERGO-FALLS

Job Classification: Operations Supervisor

To further explain the safety benefits received from the double screen installed in the effluent pond, I offer the following:

Prior to installation of this self-engineered device, it was necessary for our operators to place a ladder in the pond and climb down it, remove the screen, carry the screen back up the ladder, clean and replace the screen after. Each time an employee has to climb down a ladder the possibility for accidents increases. When climbing back up the ladder with the filter in your hands you further increase the risks. The numbers of times this filter needs to be cleaned increases substantially during inclement weather due to the collection of leaves in the pond. If the debris is not removed, the effluent cannot be pumped to the wetlands. With the new device, the operators can pull the screen up without even entering the pond, eliminating the safety issue all together. A second screen remains underneath the one that is pulled up to capture any debris while they are cleaning the first screen. The operators can schedule the cleaning of this screen at their convenience when more than one operator is on-site.

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Mike personally engineered a double screen filter installed in the effluent pond for removal of debri before the effluent reaches the pumps. This device now eliminates the need to climb into pond to clean screen and the dangers associated with that.

**Nominated by:** Martha Slack

**Signature:** *Martha Slack*

**Date:** 7/18/16

**General Manager:** Martha Slack

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