



H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards Nomination Form

Nomination Deadlines:

Spring Awards: February 1, 2020

Fall Awards: September 1, 2020

Agency: Vallecitos Water District

Project/Initiative Title: Confined Space Rescue Training Coordinated with Fire Departments in San Diego County

Implementation Date: November 1st, 4-8, 11 - 15, and 22, 2019

Cost to Implement: \$0

Staff Time Required: estimate 50 hours of VWD staff time

Number of Employees/Facilities Impacted: The only facility impacted was the Meadowlark Reclamation Facility.

Employee/Department/Committee Nominated:

Name(s): Dawn McDougale, Anette Longville, Alicia Yerman, Matt Weise, Chris Deering, Ivan Murguia, Marc Smith, and Arturo Sanchez

Job Title/Department: WWTP Supervisor, Safety Technician, Public , Senior WWTP Operator, WWTP Operator II, WWTP Operator II, WWTP Operator II WWTP Operator II

Nomination Summary

Write a brief summary of your project/initiative. Clearly state the problem/hazard recognized by the nominee and the specific reasons that they initiated corrective action.

The hazard recognized is confined space entry, rescue, lock-out tag-out, chemical exposure (gaseous chlorine) and unified incident command structure during real-world situations.

Describe the specific actions taken to resolve the problem(s) or challenge(s). Share the best practices that made this initiative successful for the agency and its impact.

Joint confined space entry/ rescue training was coordinated and conducted with local fire departments for confined space and hazmat training. Training was conducted at the Meadowlark Reclamation Facility in Carlsbad, CA on the following dates: November 1st, 4-8, 11 - 15, and 22 for a total of 12 different days of training. Best confined space entry and rescue practices were performed in joint coordination between VWD and fire department personnel. VWD and fire department personnel were able to increase interoperability and familiarity of each others' technical rescue equipment.

State whether the hazard was reduced with engineering controls, introduced a new administrative or work procedure, or relied on personal protective equipment to solve the problem.

Confined space entry, rescue and hazardous materials (gaseous chlorine) hazards were reduced with training.

Describe any extraordinary circumstances that made this nominee's safety accomplishments significant. Describe whether the nominee influenced safety in the workplace, encouraged employee participation in safety efforts, obtained organizational "buy in" to implement the solution.

The amount of coordination required with local fire departments for the multiple days of training was extraordinary. Having the fire department involved with our confined space training brings a heightened sense of awareness to our safety program, and especially our confined space rescue team both within VWD and outside of VWD (Fire Dept, Water News Network Article, Board Meeting).

Describe whether the project/initiative addressed a hazard or exposure included in the JPIA Commitment to Excellence Program.

- Office/Field Ergonomics
- Vehicle Operations
- Slip/trip/falls – falls from heights
- Other: Infrastructure – Emergency Response from C2E

List and attach any supporting materials that you feel are important for the reviewers to gain a complete picture of the nomination. Digital photos, supporting documentation, sample forms, etc.

See Article and Video Attached. <https://www.waternewsnetwork.com/vallecitos-water-district-training-preps-firefighters-wastewater-plant-emergencies/> <http://www.vwd.org/Home/Components/News/News/2510/>

I can send the video file when Alicia returns to the office after 2/1/20

Nominated by: Trisha Woolslayer

Date: 1/28/20

General Manager: Glenn Pruim

Date:

Please email this form with supporting documents and digital photos (jpg) to tlofing@acwajpia.com.

