



# H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards Nomination Form

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## **Nomination Deadlines:**

**Spring Awards: February 1, 2021**

**Fall Awards: September 1, 2021**

**Agency:** Walnut Valley Water District

**Project/Initiative Title:** Cement Materials Storage Shelving

Implementation Date: February 2021

Cost to Implement: \$120

Staff Time Required: One employee/1 hour

Number of Employees/Facilities Impacted: All of operations department

## **Employee/Department/Committee Nominated:**

Name(s): Chason Snyder/Operations

Job Title/Department: Field Supervisor

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## 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 project was to create a safe storage space in the cement materials storage cage. There were materials set on a low pallet that was a tripping hazard inside the cage. This pallet did not allow for the operations crew to walk around or search for materials safely. Chason saw the need for a neater more compact storage unit to get the pallet off the ground and the materials in an easier to reach spot. He initiated the project by purchasing shelving that securely holds all the materials out of the way that were recently on the pallet in the cage.

*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.*

The problem was identified by Chason because he noticed a tripping hazard within the storage cage. He found a proper shelving unit to house all the materials that were previously left on a pallet. Now the materials are on the shelving unit and are easier to get to without the possibility of tripping. He has created a safer working area for the operations department by eliminating the tripping hazard.

*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.*

The hazard was reduced with a simple shelving unit what is sized correctly and determined to be the best material for sitting in an outside storage cage.

*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.*

Chason noticed that there could be potential future work injuries because there was a pallet taking up quite a bit of room that the operations department had to walk around to access materials in that particular section of the storage cage. With the potential risk in mind, he initiated a purchase of a shelving unit to get the materials off the pallet and onto the shelves. The pallet was then removed to prevent the possibility of the tripping hazard.

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

The project prevents the possibilities of future tripping hazards and is included in the JPIA Commitment to Excellence Program.

☐ Office/Field Ergonomics

☐ Vehicle Operations

☒ Slip/trip/falls – falls from heights

☐ Other:

*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.*



Please see the photos attached.

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**Nominated by:** Melanie Trevino

**Date:** 2/25/2021

**General Manager:** Erik Hitchman

**Date:**

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Please email this form with supporting documents and digital photos (jpg) to [tlofing@acwaipia.com](mailto:tlofing@acwaipia.com).







