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NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 210-12-01

SUBJECT: ENG – OPEN-TOP PIPE TRAGEDIES

TO: All Employees

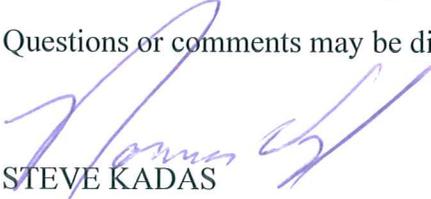
Purpose. To advise all employees of the critter deaths in open standpipes.

Expiration Date.

The attached report has some pretty alarming numbers concerning the death of critters in open standpipes. Be careful when designing any structure that is open topped. Some type of covering for the opening should be considered to prevent accidental access by humans or animals. The type of covering should be site-specific, but make sure to address this as a concern for animals.

Vents that incorporate a 180 degree bend such that the opening is pointed down rather than up have been used for years and apparently keep wildlife out of the vertical pipe. However, the opening should not be too close to the ground as rodents could climb in.

Questions or comments may be directed to Roger Ford (505) 761-4430.



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Attachments:
Bird Death Pipes Article

