

OSHA walk through slated for June 21

The Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration will be doing a walk through onsite at McCarrons Center on Wednesday, June 21 at the invitation of the water utility.

Together, SPRWS staff and the consultants will examine conditions in the workplace and conduct an appraisal of all mechanical and environmental hazards and physical work practices.

OSHA strongly encourages maximum employee participation in the walk-through. Better informed and more alert employees can more easily work with you to identify and correct potential injury and illness hazards in the workplace. Talking with employees during the walk-through helps the consultant identify and judge the nature and extent of specific hazards.

The consultant will study the entire workplace or the specific operations we designate and discuss the applicable OSHA standards. Consultants also will point out other safety or health risks that might not be cited under OSHA standards, but nevertheless may pose safety or health risks to employees. They may suggest and even provide other measures such

First dome concrete cover laid



The first cover of the clarifier domes has been laid in concrete on Thursday, June 8, with the dome in the near front slated for the next concrete laying.

as self-inspection and safety and health training employees can use to prevent future hazardous situations.

Please be prepared to provide your knowledge and expertise if asked questions by the OSHA consultant. Your help is needed to make SPRWS an even safer work

environment for all staff.

Once the visit is over, we will receive information on what we are doing right and areas where we can improve.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this important onsite visit.

Steve Gleason, former asst. general manager, passes away

Steve Gleason, retired assistant general manager, passed away June 5 after a long illness. He was 64 years old.

He worked from 1980 to 1983 as a temp, starting as a water plant aide, then working as a water utility technician I, and then as an engineering aide II before being hired full time as a certified employee in 1983.

He started as a civil engineer I and was promoted to a civil engineer II in 1986. Two years later, he was promoted to a civil engineer III.

In 1992, he was promoted to a civil engineer IV. He worked as the distribution division manager from 1997 to 2007, when he became the business division manager.

He was named assistant general manager in 2018 and retired from that position in 2019.

A service was held on June 13.

He will be missed by his former co-workers, family and friends.



Photo by Dennis Rosemark

Steve Schneider presents Steve Gleason with his years of service plaque at Gleason's retirement reception in 2019.



Gleason takes part in the evacuation drill at Vadnais in 2019.



Gleason performs a song he composed in honor of Bernie Bullert's retirement in November of 2003.

Goose family visits SPRWS



Photo by Jen Guertin

A family of Canada geese visited the administration building on May 16.

Two temps, intern hired



John Carson



Walter O'Neal



Clare Focht

The utility has hired two seasonal temps and an intern.

John Carson is an HEO working in distribution. Walter O'Neal is a water utility worker in distribution. Clare Focht is an intern working in water quality. Please welcome them all to the utility.