

MEUW Field Observations Form

Community: Richland Center (Water Department)

Date: 28 July 2026

Job Location – Downtown on W Court St. across from Pine River Smoke

Crew Members Present - Steve/Derrick/Terry

Type of work Performed - Excavation entry to replace curb stop in sidewalk.

JOB BRIEFING PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK: **YES** NO UNKNOWN

Comments: It was evident that a lot of planning went into this project. From posting temporary “NO PARKING” signs on both sides of the street to ensure a large enough space for both a work zone AND still allow traffic to safely navigate along Court Street to placing physical barriers on the sidewalk to prevent pedestrian traffic from entering the work zone, to proper and efficient staging of equipment and tools, thoughtful planning was key in this project being executed safely and efficiently.

WORK ZONE SET-UP: **YES** NO N/A

Work zone set-up appeared to be adequate for conditions: **YES** NO

Comments: The crew utilized traffic cones to demarcate their work zone along W Court St. They also utilized a traffic cones and a traffic cone bar to create a physical barrier along the sidewalk to prevent pedestrian traffic from being exposed to the hazards of the work zone.

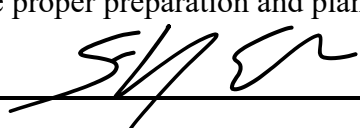
PPE OBSERVED:

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| - Hard Helmet | - Safety Glasses | - Hearing Protection |
| - Protective Footwear | - Work Gloves | - HiVis Apparel |
| - FR Clothing | - Face Protection | - Chaps |
| - Class 0 Gloves | - Class 2 Gloves | - Rubber Sleeves |
| - Fall Protection | - Other: | |
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PPE observed appeared to be adequate for hazards present: **YES** NO

Comments:

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS: This project involved entry into an excavation. To help mitigate the hazards associated with excavation enter the crew employed the use of their inflatable trench box. Proper use of the trench box was crucial in creating a workspace that allowed for safe entry and execution in the excavation, while proper preparation and planning limited employee duration/exposure in the excavation.

Observed By: 

Date: 30 July 2026

Additional Comments and Photos:



Above: The crew uses orange traffic cones to identify work zone, and temporarily eliminate parking near the work zone. Eliminating parking along W Court St. allowed the street to remain open and for traffic to safely navigate the work zone in both directions.

Left: Advanced warning signs placed on both ends of the block on W Court St helped to inform the traveling public of the crew's presence ahead. It was noted that this also helped decrease the crew's exposure to traffic as many vehicles were observed choosing alternative routes rather than traveling through the work zone.



Left: The crew utilized traffic cone bars on the sidewalks to create a physical barrier between the work zone and pedestrian traffic on W. Court St.

Also, while not pictured here, at least one crew member was always tasked with maintaining the integrity of the work zone, and displayed an increase in awareness as it related to both pedestrian and vehicle traffic approaching the work one.

Right: A key component in the safe use of the inflatable trench box (or any trench box) is backfilling against the trench box on both sides with soil or other material to help secure the box in place, minimizing any shifting of the box should additional material fall against it.





Left: Once properly installed, Terry is able to safely and efficiently work to complete the curb stop installation within the safe confines of the inflatable trench box.