

Lessons Learned



— MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS —

Date: 9/30/21

Region: Kennewick

Project: Chelan PUD

Incident Title: Vehicle damage

Summary

Employee was driving the company truck to get a ball valve that was in the jobsite Conex, from where the vehicle was parked the employee was unaware of the 2' pipe that was raised above the ground on the passenger side of the vehicle. When the employee operated the vehicle and took a sharp right turn, the passenger side of the truck contacted the pipe causing damage to the side panel of the truck. No one was injured.



What Went Right?

- Employee reported it immediately.

What Went Wrong?

- Employee was not aware of the pipe
- Low piping was not made visible from the cab of a vehicle
- Parking too close to an obstacle
- Driving used as a convenience in this case, Conex closely located.

Lessons Learned

- Be aware of the obstacles that you park near, if they are not properly identified or visible, report it.
- Prior to operating a vehicle, check around your vehicle to see if conditions have changed.