

From the Compliance Corner:

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The Magic Rope

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but that's not true! For years I have been lifting the manhole covers over the submersible pumps (with my back) using the handle provided. After all, that's why it's there, right?

I went with Lupe Cantu, from the McAllen office, to photograph the steps to do line & line leak detector testing for a presentation I was doing in Austin. After placing cones around the work area, he pulled out "The Magic Rope," slid it under the handle of the manhole cover and lifting with his legs (not his back) only ½ inch, it came off simple as can be. Placing the cover back on was just as easy.

These days, I carry "The Magic Rope" in my truck. So, this old dog did learn a new trick, and I thought I would pass it on.

Oh yes, and don't forget your safety cones!



Field Safety Tip: Remember to always have your traffic cones out when working at fuel islands and in traffic areas and be sure to wear your safety vest to remain visible to drivers.