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SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. All open holes must be covered and secured. The covers must be labeled with the word "HOLE COVER" and must be able to withstand twice the expected weight of personnel and equipment that may pass over it.
2. All workers must be trained in recognizing hazards in the work place.
3. A job safety analysis should be completed before performing any task.
 - List the steps involved in performing the job.
 - Identify the hazards involved in performing the job.
 - List the measures that will be taken to eliminate the hazards including PPE.
 - List emergency and rescue procedures.
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