

# LEAN LINE



## Creative Thinking Sparks with Pipe Marks

In August, we had some issues with extra pipe/weld shop material being sent to a large jobsite since it was fabricated for installation but was not ordered for delivery yet by the foreman. This resulted in extra handling on the jobsite (WASTE) since it was needed for other floors that weren't ready for deliveries.

A creative solution to this problem was developed by marking the pipes to correspond with the spool drawings used for fabrication and ordering. The different pipe markings should help error proof the delivery process from the shops to the field.

This process improvement appears to be working though we haven't been able to determine the full effectiveness since it is a recent implementation.

Whether in the field, shop, or office, simple creative thinking is what each of us should do when we are challenged with an issue in the workplace. The next creative idea is only a thought away.



*Lean Mission: To continually examine our processes to provide greater value to our customers without waste.*