

# 2024-08-26 All Backed Up

Taking safety precautions is a high priority when you're preparing for your workday. Whether you are seeking out that tough clog in a pipe that is "supposed" to be newly installed, or a storm drain filled with the runoff from washing out a concrete truck, trying to move equipment and tools, you never know what you may encounter. You may find a whole lot of surprises (some unmentionable) when trying to do these tasks.

Construction sites have many moving parts right from the excavation to the final cleaning that need frequent inspections to avoid these schedule backups or delays. If you can remember the game show, The \$100,000 Pyramid, imagine yourself trying to give the clues to the category, "Things that get backed up"

Sewer pipes

Delivery trucks

Construction schedules

The line in the emergency room

Your digestive tract

The line at the concession stand

The list is probably endless.

Accidents can be avoided, and delays can be minimized by performing frequent inspections. Equipment and tool inspections prior to each use are vital to make sure they work safely and properly. If you are "saving time" by not doing the inspection that would have prevented an equipment or tool breakdown, chances are sooner or later that saved time will turn into lost time, either to injury or schedule backups.

Inspections for workmanship and accuracy during different stages of the construction process prevent rework and costly material waste. Did you ever hear the saying "There's never enough time to do it right, but there's always time to do it over" ? We need to be diligent in our processes to avoid instances which will ultimately lead to schedule backups or delays.

Back up the truck, and get on the right path, keep it safe!

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