

Energy Control Procedures Lockout/Tagout 29 CFR 1910.147

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Objectives

Review Regulations

- Overview of the requirements of the UAH
 Program
- Awareness of Responsibilities
- Enforcing LOTO Program

What is covered?

- Servicing and maintenance
- Normal production operations where:
 - Employees by-pass guard(s)
 - Employees place any part of their body in a hazardous area

What is not covered?

- Construction, agriculture, and maritime
- Normal production operations (subpart O)
- Cord-and-plug under the control of employee (written procedure still required)
- Hot tap operations
- Exposure to electrical conductors (subpart S and electrical safety-related work practices)



Energy types

- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Hydraulic
- Pneumatic
- Chemical
- Thermal
- Other

Lockout vs. Tagout

- If capable of being locked out:
 - Prefer lockout
 - Tags allowed, if employer can demonstrate
 FULL EMPLOYEE PROTECTION

Machine Modifications

Full employee protection?

- Tags attached at the same location as locks
- Full compliance with all tagout provisions in 29 CFR 1910.147
- Additional means when necessary (e.g. removal of a valve handle)



Definitions

- Affected employee
- Authorized employee
- Capable of being locked out
- Energy isolating device
- Servicing and/or maintenance

Servicing and maintenance includes:

- Setting up
- Adjusting
- Inspecting
- Modifying
- Constructing
- Installing

Lockout/tagout requirements

- Written program which includes specific written procedures
- Training of employees (not just maintenance!)
- Periodic review of procedures



Written lockout/tagout procedure

- Clearly and specifically outline
 - Scope
 - Purpose
 - Authorization
 - Rules, techniques for control of energy

Lockout procedure (cont.)

- Clearly and specifically outline:
 - Means to enforce compliance including:
 - Intended use of procedure
 - Specific procedural steps
 - Specific testing requirements

Documentation exceptions:

- Machine has no potential for stored energy
- Machine has a single energy source
 - Isolation of that source will completely deenergize
- Machine is isolated and locked out during maintenance

Documentation exceptions (cont.)

- A single lockout device will achieve locked-out condition
- Lockout device under exclusive control of employee
- Maintenance does not create hazard to others
- No previous accidents involving unexpected energization on this equipment

Energy control procedure

- Notification of employees
- Preparation for shutdown
- Machine or equipment shutdown
- Machine or equipment isolation
- Lockout/tagout device application
- Check for and Release Stored energy
- Verification of isolation
- Release from lockout/tagout

NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES

Before controls are applied, and before they are removed

PREPARATION FOR SHUTDOWN

 Knowledge of the type and magnitude of energy and methods to control energy

MACHINE OR EQUIPMENT SHUTDOWN

- Orderly shutdown to avoid increased hazard

MACHINE OR EQUIPMENT ISOLATION

All energy isolation devices located and operated to isolate machine

LOCKOUT OR TAGOUT DEVICE APPLICATION

 Affixed by authorized employee holding energy isolating device in the safe or off position



Hardware requirements

- Durable
- Standardized
- Substantial
- Identifiable

Hardware must be (cont.):

- Durable be able to withstand environment
- Standardized color, size, etc.
 - Tags : print and format
- Substantial no accidental removal
 - Tag attachment means:
 - Withstand at least 50 pounds of force
 - Not re-usable
 - Self locking
 - Attachable by hand



Hardware must be (cont.):

- Identifiable identify the employee who applied
 - Tags must include legend such as DO NOT START

Hardware must be:

- Provided by the employer
- Singularly identified
- Only devices used for control
- Not used for other purposes



Lockout Devices

Gate Valve Lockout



Ball Valve Lockout





Lockout Devices





Circuit Breaker LO

Lockout Padlocks



Interlocking Hasp LO



Lockout Tags (Tagout)







Line breaking:

Means the intentional opening of a pipe, line, or duct that is or has been carrying flammable, corrosive, or toxic material, an inert gas, or any fluid at a volume, pressure, or temperature capable of causing injury

Line blanking or blinding:

Means the absolute closure of a pipe, line, or duct by fastening of a solid plate (such as a spectacle blind or a skillet blind) that completely covers the bore and that is capable of withstanding the maximum pressure of the pipe, line, or duct with no leakage beyond the plate.

Double block and bleed:

Means the closure of a line, duct, or pipe by closing and locking or tagging two in-line valves and by opening and locking or tagging a drain or vent valve in the line between the two closed valves.

STORED ENERGY

 Relieve all stored energy and continue to verify if there is a chance of re-accumulation

Stored energy examples

- Batteries and capacitors
- Pressure differential
 - Hydraulic
 - Pneumatic
 - Vacuum
- Springs
- Gravity

VERIFICATION OF ISOLATION

 Prior to servicing or maintenance, authorized employee must verify machine has been deenergized

RELEASE FROM LOCKOUT OR TAGOUT

- Inspect work area to ensure removal of nonessentials
- Employees safely positioned and notified
- Lockout/tagout removal (by employee who applied)

Lock/tag removal if authorized employee is not available?

- Verify that authorized employee is not at facility
- Make reasonable efforts to inform him or her
- Ensure that he/she knows of removal upon reentering

MUST INCLUDE THIS PROCEDURE IN WRITTEN PROGRAM

Periodic Inspection

- Performed at least annually
- Lockout include review with authorized employees
- Tagout include review with authorized and affected employees
- Certification record kept:
 - Identify machine or equipment
 - Date of inspection
 - Employees performing and included in inspection

Training and re-training

Authorized employees

- Recognition of hazardous energy
- Type and magnitude of hazardous energy
- Methods of isolating energy
- How to verify isolation
- Affected Purpose and use of procedure
- Other Procedure and Prohibition from tampering
- Tagout provisions

Re-training is required when:

- Change in job assignment
- Change in machine or process
- Change in lockout/tagout procedure
- Inadequacies revealed in periodic review



Training certification

 Certify that the training has been conducted and kept up to date:

Employee names

Date(s) of training



Other requirements

Contractors?

Personnel or shift changes?

Testing or positioning machines

- Clear the machine of tools and materials
- Remove employees from the area
- Remove lockout/tagout devices
- Energize and proceed with testing/positioning
- De-energize and re-apply energy control measures

Group lockout

- Personal lock or tag (usually)
- Lockbox or master tag system with principal authorized employee
- Work permit system

"Shall utilize a procedure which affords a level of protection equivalent to that provided by the implementation of a personal lockout or tagout device"

SUMMARY OF LOTO PROGRAM

- Written program including written procedures for each machine
- Training of employees
- Periodic review of program
- ENFORCEMENT