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# RESPIRATOR PROTECTION

Effective hazardous energy control procedures will protect employees during machine and equipment servicing and maintenance where the unexpected energization, start up or release of stored energy could occur and cause injury, as well as while working on or near exposed deenergized electrical conductors and parts of electrical equipment. Hazards being guard against include being caught in, being crushed by, being struck by, being thrown from, or contacting live electrical circuits/parts.

## Purpose and Scope

The procedure established herein will insure that machines and equipment are properly isolated from hazardous or potentially hazardous energy sources during servicing and maintenance and properly protect against reenergization as required by MIOSHA/OSHA. While any employee is exposed to contact with parts of fixed electrical equipment or circuits that have been deenergized, the circuits energizing the parts shall be locked out and tagged in accordance with the requirements of MIOSHA/OSHA. Only when disconnecting means or other devices are incapable of being locked out, and until lockout capability is provided, will a tagout procedure (without lockout), be utilized.

## Enforcement

Any employee who fails to follow these procedures will face disciplinary action in accordance with those listed in the L.D. Docsa Associates, Inc. employee handbook.

## Definitions

**Authorized employee** - a person who locks out machines or equipment in order to perform servicing or maintenance on that machine or equipment. An affected employee becomes an authorized employee when that employee's duties include performing servicing or maintenance that exposes him/her to potentially hazardous energy.

**Affected employee** - an employee whose job requires him/her to operate /use a machine or equipment or work in an area in which servicing or maintenance is being performed under lockout.

**Energy isolating device** - a mechanical device that physically prevents the transmission or release of energy, including but not limited to the following: A manually operated electrical circuit breaker; a disconnect switch; a manually operated switch by which the conductors of a circuit can be disconnected from all ungrounded supply conductors, and in addition, no pole can be operated independently; a line valve; a block; and any similar device used to block or isolate energy. Push buttons, selectors switches, and other control circuit type devices are not energy isolating devices.

**Other employee** - an employee whose work operations are or may be in an area where energy control procedures may be utilized.

## Authorization/Responsibility

Appropriate employees will be instructed in the safety significance of the lockout procedures.

## Rules

- Locks, chains, wedges, or other hardware which meet the requirements by MIOSHA shall be provided by L.D. Docsa Associates, Inc.
- Lockout devices shall be singularly identified. They shall be the only devices used for controlling energy and shall not be used for other purposes.
- The lockout devices shall indicate the identity of the employee applying the devices.
- All machines/equipment shall be locked out to protect against accidental or inadvertent operation when such operation could cause injury to personnel. Lockout will also apply when working on or near exposed deenergized electrical circuits / parts.

- No employee shall attempt to operate any switch, valve, or other energy -isolating device which is locked out.
- Each lockout device shall only be removed by the employee who applied the device.

# Lockout Procedures and Techniques

## Preparation for Shutdown

In preparation for lockout, an initial survey must be made to locate and identify all energy isolating devices to be certain which switch, valve, or other energy isolating devices apply to the machine / equipment to be locked out. (See Energy Source Evaluation) More than one energy source (electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, thermal, or others) may be involved.

Before an authorized or affected employee turns off a machine or piece of equipment, the authorized employee must have knowledge of the type and magnitude of the energy to be controlled, and the methods or means to control the energy. Note: If work to be performed involves employees working on or near exposed deenergized electrical parts. (See 29 CFR 1910.333).

## Machine or Equipment Shutdown

All affected employees shall be notified that a lockout system is to be utilized and the reason for it, before the controls are applied. If the machine or equipment is operating, shut it down by normal stopping procedure. (Depress stop button, open toggle switch, etc.)

## Machine or Equipment Isolation

Physically locate and operate the switch, valve, or other energy isolating devices so that the equipment is isolated from its energy sources and apply adequate hardware.

## Lockout Device Application

Authorized employees shall lockout the energy isolating devices with assigned individual locks. Lockout devices shall be applied so that they will hold the energy isolating devices in a “Neutral” or “Off” position.

## Stored Energy

All stored or residual energy in rams, flywheels, springs, pneumatic, or hydraulic systems, etc. shall be blocked or dissipated. If there is a possibility of reaccumulation of stored energy, verification of isolation must be continued until servicing or maintenance is completed.

Following the application of lockout/tagout devices to energy isolating devices, all potentially hazardous stored or residual energy shall be relieved, disconnected, restrained or otherwise rendered safe. If there is a possibility of re-accumulation of stored energy, verification of isolation shall be continued until the servicing or maintenance is completed, or until the possibility of such accumulation no longer exists.

## Verification of Isolation

Prior to starting work on machines or equipment that have been locked and after ensuring that no personnel are exposed, the authorized employee shall operate the push button or normal operating controls to verify that the appropriate equipment or machine has been deenergized and make certain it will not operate.

CAUTION: Return Operating Controls to the “Neutral” or “Off” Position after the Test.

The machine / equipment is now locked out. Servicing or maintenance may now occur

## Removal of Lockout Devices

After the servicing and / or maintenance is completed and before the lockout devices are removed and energy is restored, the sequence of activities in Appendix F shall be completed by the authorized employee(s).

If the authorized employee who applied the lock is not available, the supervisor shall take the following steps:

- Clear the machine or equipment of tools and materials.
- Remove employees from the machine or equipment.

- Remove the lockout device.
- Energize and proceed with testing or positioning.
- De-energize all systems and reapply energy control measures in accordance with procedures set forth in this manual.

## **Additional Requirements**

In the proceeding steps, if more than one individual is required to lockout machines / equipment (group lockout), the following procedures shall be implemented to provide protection to all employees.

- A primary authorized employee will be designated and responsible for the number of people working under the protection of the group lockout device. The primary authorized employee will ascertain the exposure status of the individual member participating in the group lockout to ensure continuity of protection for each individual. In addition, this primary authorized employee will be responsible for notifying affected employees before and after lockout procedures are performed.
- Each authorized employee will place his/her own personal lockout device on the energy isolating device(s).
- When an energy- isolating device cannot accept multiple locks, a multiple lockout system must be used.

**Shift or Personnel Changes** - If a lockout procedure will extend into the following shift, the authorized employee who originally placed the lock will remove it and it will immediately be replaced with the lock of the authorized employee who is to continue the repair or maintenance on that equipment or machine for the following shift.

**Cord and Plug Connected Equipment** - If servicing or maintenance is performed on cord and plug connected equipment the following procedure shall be performed to protect employees.

- Unplug equipment from its electrical socket.

- Place a lockable cover over the plug and a lock on the plug cover during machine/equipment servicing or maintenance.

**Outside Contractors** - If outside contractors perform servicing or maintenance that requires lockout, the Safety Director shall take the following steps.

- Inform the outside contractor of out-company's lockout procedures and supply them with a copy.
- Obtain and review a copy of the outside contractor's lockout procedures.
- Ensure that our employees understand and comply with the responsibilities and prohibitions of the outside contractor's lockout procedure.

## Training

Authorized employees shall receive training covering:

- Recognition of hazardous energy sources.
- Types and magnitude of hazardous energy in the workplace.
- Methods, devices, and procedures used to lockout, verify lockout, and otherwise control hazardous energy on all pieces or types of equipment (including cord and plug connected equipment).
- Procedures for removing locks and returning a machine or piece of equipment to operation.
- Transfer of lockout responsibilities.
- Group lockout procedures.

Affected and all "other" employees shall receive training so that they are able to:

- Recognize when energy control procedures are being implemented, and



- Understanding the purpose of the procedures and the importance of not attempting to start up or use the machine/equipment that has been locked out.

**Retraining** - Authorized and affected employees shall receive retraining in proper application of lockout procedures when there is a change in:

- Job assignment(s) that expose an authorized employee to new hazards or lockout procedures.
- Machines, equipment, or processes that present a new hazard or require modified lockout procedures.
- Energy control procedures for a piece or type of equipment.
- Or when it becomes known that an employee incorrectly performs lockout procedures.

Retraining will re-establish employee proficiency in lockout, and ensure that employees are knowledgeable of new or revised procedures. All retraining will be certified.

All training and/or retraining will be documented with records being kept in the LDD office. Documentation must be signed and certified.

### **Periodic Inspections**

An inspection of the energy control procedures will be conducted annually and will be certified.

Energy control procedures for each machine or type of machine must be inspected.

The inspection shall include a review of lockout responsibilities with each individual authorized to lockout the machine/equipment.

The person who performs the inspection must be authorized to perform the lockout procedures being inspected. The inspector cannot, however, review his/her own use of lockout procedures.

Any deviations or inadequacies identified shall be immediately addressed.

# Tag-Out Procedures

When a disconnecting means or other energy isolating device is incapable of being locked out, a tagout system shall be utilized. A tag used without a lock, shall be supplemented by at least one additional safety measure that provides a level of safety equivalent to that obtained by use of a lock such as opening an additional disconnecting device, removal of an isolating circuit element, blocking of a controlling switch or the removal of a valve handle to reduce the likelihood of inadvertent energization.

Only tags furnished by L.D. Docsa Associates, Inc. which meet the proper requirements and shall be used.

All employees shall be trained in the use and limitations of tags.

All employees must be able to understand the hazard warning written on the tags such as: DO NOT START, DO NOT OPEN, DO NOT CLOSE, DO NOT ENERGIZE, DO NOT OPERATE.

On machines and equipment where tagout is used in lieu of lockout, the Periodic Inspection required, and shall be certified.

If tagout is used all other lockout rules and procedures apply.

NOTE: Should the machine / equipment require upgrade or modification, it will have lockable switches, fittings, valves, etc. added so that it becomes possible to lockout.

# Form Examples



## Energy Source Evaluation

In order to determine all energy sources for each piece or type of machine or equipment, complete this entire form.

Jobsite: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Equipment Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Supervisor in charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Energy Source/*Magnitude	Location of Isolating Device	Means of Isolation
Electrical		
Engine		
Spring		
Counter Weight		
Flywheel		
Hydraulic		
Pneumatic		
Chemical		
Thermal		
Other		

\*Magnitude Example: Electrical - 480v three phase  
 Pneumatic - 125 psi

# Specific Energy Control Procedures



In order to determine all energy sources for each piece or type of machine or equipment, complete this entire form.

Jobsite: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Machines or equipment utilizing this procedure:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Procedure for controlling hazardous energy-LOCKOUT/TAGOUT (Add special instructions where necessary):

(Be familiar with the sources of hazardous energy for the machine or equipment that will be serviced.)

- |   |                                   |                                    |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical     | <input type="checkbox"/> Engine   | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counter weight | <input type="checkbox"/> Flywheel | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydraulic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumatic      | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical | <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other          |                                   |                                    |

Notify affected employees that the machine is about to be shut down and locked out.

Shut down the machine using normal stopping procedures.

Isolate all energy sources listed above.

Apply locks to all isolation devices operated in previous step.

If a tag is used in lieu of a lock when the energy-isolating device is incapable of lockout, the following additional safety precaution(s) shall be taken:

Block or dissipate all stored energy in rams, flywheels, springs, pneumatic or hydraulic systems, etc.

Verify that the machine is locked out by testing the machine operating controls. RETURN ALL CONTROLS TO THE NEUTRAL OR OFF POSITION after testing.

### Procedures for Removing Locks/Tags (Add special instructions where necessary):

Check the machine to be sure it is operationally intact, tools have been removed, and guards have been replaced.

Check to be sure all employees are safely positioned.

Notify all affected employees that locks/tags are going to be removed and the machine is ready for operation.

Remove all locks, blocks, or other energy restraints.

Restore all energy to the machine.

OTHER COMMENTS:



# Hazardous Energy Control Procedures



Employee Exposed: _____	Date: _____		
Machine/Equipment: _____			
Describe service/maintenance task being performed: _____ _____			
Frequency in which the employee performs the task: _____ times _____ per year			
Duration for which the employee has performed the task: _____ hours/day/week			
Hazard to which the employee is exposed when performing this task:			
_____ caught in _____			
_____ crushed by _____			
_____ struck by _____			
_____ thrown from _____			
_____ contact with _____			
_____ other _____			
Energy source which exposes the employee to a hazard:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/> Engine	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Counter Weight
<input type="checkbox"/> Flywheel	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydraulic	<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumatic	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical
<input type="checkbox"/> Thermal	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Magnitude of the energy source			
<input type="checkbox"/> Volts	<input type="checkbox"/> Phase	<input type="checkbox"/> PSI	<input type="checkbox"/> Degree F <input type="checkbox"/> Tons
Potential injury associated with the improper isolation of energy:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Crushed	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Embolism	<input type="checkbox"/> Burns	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amputated	<input type="checkbox"/> Fractured	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric Shock	
<input type="checkbox"/> Punctured	<input type="checkbox"/> Lacerated	<input type="checkbox"/> Death	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Means of isolating the energy source (Procedures Used) [If tagout is used see 1910.147 © (3) (ii)]			
Location: _____		Method: _____	
If machine/equipment is not capable of lockout when it was installed, renovated, modified or repaired?			
If electrical cord/plug (circle one)      Yes/No			
Hazards discussed with exposed employee (name): _____			
Remarks/Signed Statement (if documenting past exposure): _____			
Hazard reviewed with employer (name): _____			
Remarks: _____			