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Lockout-Tagout Procedure / Process for safely de-energizing equipment in our facility.

(1) Notify all affected employees that servicing or maintenance is required on a machine or equipment and that the machine or equipment must be shut down and locked out to perform the servicing or maintenance.

(2) The authorized employee shall refer to the company procedure to identify the type and magnitude of the energy that the machine or equipment utilizes, shall understand the hazards of the energy, and shall know the methods to control the energy.

(3) If the machine or equipment is operating, shut it down by the normal stopping procedure (depress the stop button, open switch, close valve, etc.)

(4) De-activate the energy isolating device(s) so that the machine or equipment is isolated from the energy source(s).

(5) Lock out the energy isolating device(s) with assigned individual lock(s).

(6) Stored or residual energy (such as that in capacitors, springs, elevated machine members, rotating flywheels, hydraulic systems, and air gas, steam, or water pressure, etc.) must be dissipated or restrained by methods such as grounding, repositioning, blocking, bleeding down, etc.

(7) Ensure that the equipment is disconnected from the energy source(s) by first checking that no personnel are exposed, then verify the isolation of the equipment by operating the push button or other normal operating control(s) or by testing to make certain the equipment will not operate.

Caution: Return operating control(s) to neutral or "off" position after verifying the isolation of the equipment.

(8) The machine or equipment is now locked out.

This procedure is not OSHA compliant because it only provides general lockout guidance. To be 1910.147 compliant it needs to identify the specific machine's energy sources. It also has to provide the specific steps needed to turn off the energy sources, dissipate the energy and then lock it out to keep it in a zero energy state.

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