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 Following proper procedures to isolate, disconnect, safely release stored energy and lock out the machine prior to service will control the energy sources associated with the machine and



associated with the machine and protect employees and maintenance technicians from the unexpected release of potentially hazardous energy.



locked out prior to beginning the service on all equipment and the energy stored in the equipment must be released, and blocked out where necessary.





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 As with affected employees, if requested to assist in the service "other" employees who have received training in the company's energy control procedures can be reclassified as "authorized" and must apply their own locks and tags.







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### STEP 1: PLAN

- A. Review of the lockout procedure and determination of how many energy sources there are.
- B. Assemble necessary tools including locks, tags, supplies and equipment.



- C. Estimate time and manpower requirementsD. Arrange additional personnel as needed before the service is scheduled.
- E. Notify employees that lockout is going to occur. Employees MUST be advised that the machine will be shut down, locked-out and unavailable, and that they are not to interfere with the LOTO process.

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### STEP 3: ISOLATE ALL ENERGY SOURCES AND APPLY LOCKS

- A. Isolate all energy sources as close to the source as possible. ENSURE THAT ENERGY CANNOT REACH OR BE RELEASED FROM THE EQUIPMENT BEING SERVICED.
- B. Electrical equipment must be tested by an individual trained and prequalified by the employer to perform such test to assure there is no electrical energy present.
- C. Apply locks and tags. If an affected or other employee is to assist in the service, each employee participating must apply their own lock.
- D. A best safety practice is to use a multi-lock hasp.
  - 1. The authorized person applies his or her lock first and is the last to remove it.
  - 2. Others involved in the service apply their own lock and tag.
  - 3. Use of the multi-lock hasp facilitates energy control at shift change.



## STEP 4: ACHIEVE ZERO ENERGY STATE

All downstream energy must be released until the system reaches a zero energy state. This can be achieved by:

- Blocking gravity or stored energy
- Relieving pressure
- Opening drains
- Blanking and bleeding lines



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outside contractor are to be followed, the company employees shall be advised that they must comply with the outside contractor's energy control procedures.





7 STEPS TO SAFE LOCKOUT / TAGOUT

STEP 5: VERIFY LOCKOUT BY ATTEMPTING TO START THE MACHINE

has been locked out and/or dissipated.

Verify that all personnel are clear.

are locked out.

Verify all the steps have been followed and all energy

Attempt to start the machine to confirm all energy sources

 The equipment is now locked out and work can begin. The authorized worker can now safely service the equipment.

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#### An authorized employee will:

- Escort the outside contractor to the equipment requiring service.
- Provide a copy of the lockout procedures for that piece of equipment.
- Review the lockout procedures to be used.
- Remain with the contractor or provide a method for immediate contact.







Tagout is only permitted when a device cannot be locked out. A tag is a warning device and does not provide the physical

# restraint a lockout device will.

- Tags: • Must be legible and may not be removed except by the authorized person.
- Can never be bypassed, ignored or otherwise defeated.
- Must be securely fastened.
- Must be made of materials that will withstand environmental conditions.
- Tags must be securely attached to the energy-isolating device so they cannot be accidentally detached.

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- in job assignment, machinery or equipment.A change in operating procedures.
- Whenever periodic inspection reveals deviations or inadequacies in procedures.

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