

LockOut/TagOut

If you operate or use machinery or equipment to which lockout/tagout is applied or work in an area where lockout/tagout is performed, you need to understand:

- The procedures involved in lockout/tagout.
- The reasons for lockout/tagout.
- The dangers involved by interfering with lockout/tagout.



THE DEENERGIZING PROCEDURE

PREPARATION

Review all hazards and controls, perform full employee briefing.

NOTIFICATION

Notify the affected personnel, verify that it is safe to shut down the equipment.

SHUT DOWN

Perform normal equipment shutdown.

ISOLATE

Isolate energy sources.

LOCKOUT

Apply LOTO device(s), Lock and Tag.

CHECK STORED ENERGY

Release stored energy if necessary, apply devices if necessary (block, grounds)

VERIFY LOCKOUT

Attempt to restart the equipment.

VERIFY ZERO ENERGY STATE

When taking equipment out of service, it is important that proper deenergizing procedures occur, to ensure the health and safety of all workers.

