H. CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS ENERGY: LOCKOUT/TAG OUT

1. <u>PURPOSE</u>

Control of Hazardous energy is the purpose of the Lockout- Tagout Program. This program establishes the requirements for isolation of both kinetic and potential electrical, chemical, thermal, hydraulic and pneumatic and gravitational energy prior to equipment repair, adjustment or removal. Reference: OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910. 147, the control of hazardous energy.

2. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

- <u>Authorized (Qualified) Employees</u> are the only ones certified to lock and tagout equipment or machinery. Whether an employee is considered to be qualified will depend upon various circumstances in the workplace. It is likely for an individual to be considered "qualified" with regard to certain equipment in the workplace, but "unqualified" as to other equipment. An employee who is undergoing on-the-job training and who, in the course of such training, has demonstrated an ability to perform duties safely at his or her level of training and who is under the direct supervision of a qualified person, is considered to be "qualified" for the performance of those duties.
- <u>Affected Employees</u> are those employees who operate machinery or equipment upon which lockout or tagging out is required under this program. Training of these individuals will be less stringent in that it will include the purpose and use of the lockout procedures.
- <u>Other Employees</u> are identified as those that do not fall into the authorized, affected or qualified employee category. Essentially, it will include all other employees. These employees will be provided instruction in what the program is and not to touch any machine or equipment when they see that it has been locked or tagged out.

3. TRAINING

a. Authorized Employees Training.

All Maintenance Employees, Department Supervisors and Janitorial employees will be trained to use the Lock and Tag Out Procedures. The training will be conducted by the Maintenance Supervisor or Safety Coordinator at time of initial hire. Retraining shall be held at least annually. The training will consis upon wd-75()Tj10.98 0 ew will ng:st4sentiallyhor1ees0.000 special hazards and special safety procedures. The schedule will be reviewed each time to ensure employees properly lock and tag out equipment and machinery. If a Tagout

10. STORED ENERGY

- a. Following the application of the lockout or tagout devices to the energy isolating devices, all potential or residual energy will be relieved, disconnected, restrained, and otherwise rendered safe.
- b. Where the re-accumulation of stored energy to a hazardous energy level is possible, verification of isolation will be continued until the maintenance or servicing is complete.
- c. Release stored energy (capacitors, springs, elevated members, rotating fly wheels, and hydraulic/air/gas/steam systems) must be relieved or restrained by grounding, repositioning, blocking and/or bleeding the system.
- 11. VERIFICATION OF ISOLATION
- a. Prior to starting work on machines or equipment that have been locked or tagged out, the authorized employees will verify that isolation or de-energization of the machine or equipment have been accomplished.
- b. After assuring that no Employee will be placed in danger, test all lock and tag outs by following the normal start up procedures (depress start button, etc.).
- c. Caution: After Test, place controls in neutral position.

12. EXTENDED LOCKOUT - TAGOUT

Should the shift change before the machinery or equipment can be restored to service, the lock and tag out must remain. If the task is reassigned to the next shift, those Employees must lock and tag out before the previous shift may remove their lock and tag.

13. SOP: RELEASE FROM LOCKOUT/TAGOUT

Before lockout or tagout devices are removed and the energy restored to the machine or equipment, the following actions will be taken:

- a. The work area will be thoroughly inspected to ensure that nonessential items have been removed and that machine or equipment components are operational.
- b. The work are will be checked to ensure that all employees have been safely positioned or removed. Before the lockout or tagout devices are removed, the affected employees will be notified that the lockout or tagout devices are being removed.
- c. Each lockout or tagout device will be removed from each energy isolating device by the employee who applied the device.
- 14. SOP: LOTO PROCEDURE FOR ELECTRICAL PLUG-TYPE EQUIPMENT

This procedure covers all Electrical Plug-Type Equipment such as Battery Chargers, some Product Pumps, Office Equipment, Powered Hand Tools, Powered Bench Tools, Lathes, Fans, etc. When working on, repairing, or adjusting the above equipment, the following procedures must be utilized to prevent accidental or sudden startup:

- a. Unplug Electrical Equipment from wall socket or in-line socket.
- b. Attach "Do Not Operate" Tag and Plug Box & Lock on end of power cord. An exception is granted to not lock & tag the plug is the cord & plug remain in the exclusive control of the Employee working on, adjusting or inspecting the equipment.
- c. Test Equipment to assure power source has been removed by depressing the "Start" or On" Switch.
- d. Perform required operations.
- e. Replace all guards removed.
- f. Remove Lock & Plug Box and Tag.
- g. Inspect power cord and socket before plugging equipment into power source. Any defects must be repaired before placing the equipment back in service.

NOTE: Occasionally used equipment may be unplugged from power source when not in use. 15. <u>SOP: LOTO PROCEDURES INVOLVING MORE THAN ONE EMPLOYEE</u>

In the preceding SOPs, if more than one Employee is assigned to a task requiring a lock and tag out, each must also place his or her own lock and tag on the energy isolating device(s).

16. <u>SOP: MANAGEMENT'S REMOVAL OF LOCK AND TAG OUT</u>

Only the Employee that locks and tags out machinery, equipment or processes may remove his/her lock and tag. However, should the Employee leave the facility before removing his/her lock and tag, the

Maintenance Manager may remove the lock and tag. The Maintenance Manager must be assured that all tools have been removed, all guards have been replaced and all Employees are free from any hazard before the lock and tag are removed and the machinery, equipment or process are returned to service. Notification of the employee who placed the lock is required prior to lock removal.

17. <u>CONTRACTORS</u>

Contractors, working on company property and equipment must use this Lockout - Tagout procedure while servicing or maintaining equipment, machinery or processes.