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CONN-OSHA Offers Dec. 16 Lockout/Tagout Class to Help Employers with Workplace Safety

WETHERSFIELD, December 8, 2015 – Being aware of the proper “Lockout/Tagout” procedures to control hazardous energy is a necessity for every worker in Connecticut who works with machinery. The procedure, which safeguards employees from the unexpected re-energization or startup of equipment, is the topic at a December 16 class sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA). Taking place in the agency’s Wethersfield headquarters located at 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, the session will run from 10 a.m. to noon.

According to CONN-OSHA Safety Training Specialist John Able who is coordinating the workshop, attendees will learn more about OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.47 which requires that all potentially hazardous energy sources be isolated and prevented from accidental re-energization.

“Although this safety practice is often fairly straightforward, we know from past experience that many users are unable to perform their required job tasks with their equipment in what is known as a ‘zero energy’ state,” Able said. “During this two-hour session, we will discuss the comprehensive energy control protocols that have been developed to protect workers servicing machines and performing related tasks. In addition, we will also offer tips and advice to help users achieve the desired maintenance, quality control and production goals.”

Admission is free, although pre-registration is required. Please contact Able at able.john@dol.gov to register or with any questions about the workshop.

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