CONN-OSHA Lockout/Tagout Workshop December 7 at Agency’s Central Office

WETHERSFIELD, November 21, 2016 – Knowing how to properly disable or shut down dangerous equipment in order to safely perform servicing and maintenance activities can make the difference between preventing a serious injury, or even a fatality.

Practices and procedures to prevent the release of hazardous energy during equipment maintenance will be detailed during a two-hour Lockout/Tagout workshop sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA). Offered 10 a.m. to noon on December 7, the session will be held in the agency’s Central Office, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.

“Employees servicing or maintaining machines or equipment can be exposed to serious physical harm or death if hazardous energy is not properly controlled,” explains John Able CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist, who is facilitating the workshop.

“We’ll take a close look at Regulation 29 CFR 1910.147, the federal OSHA standard that outlines the requirements to protect employees working with machinery that contain “hazardous energy” – anything involving electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, thermal, or other sources of potentially hazardous energy.”

Able noted that statistics compiled by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration show that compliance with the Lockout/Tagout procedure prevents an estimated 120 fatalities and 50,000 injuries per year.

There is no admission for the workshop, but pre-registration is required. Please contact John Able at john.able@ct.gov to register or for additional information.

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