



“Don’t Start Without Me”

CONN-OSHA Offers “Lock Out/Tag Out” Safety Lessons March 22

WETHERSFIELD, Feb 22 – Approximately 3 million workers service hazardous machinery and equipment and face the greatest risk of injury if lockout/tagout – an OSHA safety procedure – is not properly implemented. The procedure is used in industry and research settings and requires that hazardous power sources from machinery and equipment be shut off and “locked” to prevent a re-energizing or unexpected start-up of potentially dangerous machinery or equipment. The procedure also requires that a “tag” be affixed to the device indicating that it should not be turned on. Compliance with the lockout/tagout standard prevents an estimated 120 fatalities and 50,000 injuries each year.

“Requiring that all potentially hazardous energy sources be isolated and prevented from accidentally re-energizing, *OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.147*, is actually a fairly straightforward practice,” explains John Able CONN-OSHA Safety Training Specialist, who is coordinating the program. During this two-hour session, we will discuss the comprehensive energy control protocols that have been developed to protect workers performing servicing and related tasks, and will also offer tips and advice to enable them to achieve the desired maintenance, quality control and production goals.”

The March 22 class, sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA) will take place in the agency’s Central Office in Wethersfield located at 200 Folly Brook Boulevard. The session will be held from 10 am. to noon.

Admission to the “Understanding and Implementing Energy Control (Lockout/ Tagout)” safety class is free, although pre-registration is required. To register or for additional information, please contact John Able at (860) 263-6902, or by email at able.john@dol.gov.

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