Exceptions to Written Procedures under LO/TO 1910.147(c)(4)

Energy control procedure

1910.147(c)(4)(i) Procedures shall be developed, documented and utilized for the control of potentially hazardous energy when employees are engaged in the activities covered by this section.

Note: Exception: The employer need not document the required procedure for a particular machine or equipment, when all of the following elements exist:

(1) The machine or equipment has no potential for stored or residual energy or reaccumulation of stored energy after shut down which could endanger employees;

(2) the machine or equipment has a single energy source which can be readily identified and isolated;

(3) the isolation and locking out of that energy source will completely deenergize and deactivate the machine or equipment;

(4) the machine or equipment is isolated from that energy source and locked out during servicing or maintenance;

(5) a single lockout device will achieve a locker-out condition;

(6) the lockout device is under the exclusive control of the authorized employee performing the servicing or maintenance;

(7) the servicing or maintenance does not create hazards for other employees; and

(8) the employer, in utilizing this exception, has had no accidents involving the unexpected activation or reenergization of the machine or equipment during servicing or maintenance.