

**WAC 296-803-20005 Establish a written energy control program.**

(1) You must establish a written energy control program to protect employees that service or maintain a machine or equipment from injury caused by the:

(a) Unexpected energization or start up of the machine or equipment; or

(b) Release of stored energy.

(2) You must make sure the program contains **all** of the following:

(a) Energy control procedures as described in WAC 296-803-500.

(b) Employee training as described in WAC 296-803-600.

(c) Periodic reviews as described in WAC 296-803-700.

(3) You must develop and document in writing energy control procedures to protect employees doing service or maintenance of a machine or equipment from potentially hazardous energy.

**Exemption:**

You do not have to have **written** energy control procedures for a particular machine or equipment if **all** of the following apply:

1. The machine or equipment has a single energy source that is easily identified and can be isolated.

2. The machine or equipment is completely deenergized and deactivated by isolating and locking out the energy source.

3. There is no stored or residual energy that could be a hazard to employees, and the machine or equipment cannot reaccumulate such energy after it has been shut down.

4. The energy source can be locked out with a single lockout device.

5. The machine or equipment is isolated from the energy source and locked out during service or maintenance.

6. The authorized employee doing the service or maintenance has exclusive control of the lockout device.

7. The service or maintenance does not create a hazard for other employees.

8. The machine or equipment has never been unexpectedly energized or activated during service or maintenance.

(4) You must make sure energy control procedures clearly and specifically outline:

(a) The scope, purpose, authorization, rules, and techniques to control hazardous energy; and

(b) How you will make sure employees follow the procedures.

(5) You must make sure energy control procedures specifically identify at least the following:

(a) When the procedure must be used.

(b) What the specific procedural steps are for:

(i) Shutting down, isolating, blocking, and securing the machine or equipment.

(ii) Placing, removing, and transferring lockout or tagout devices and who is responsible for them.

(c) How to test the machine or equipment to verify the effectiveness of lockout devices, tagout devices, and other energy control measures.

**Note:**

Similar machines and equipment may be covered by a single written procedure if **all** of the following apply:

1. They use the same type and magnitude of energy.

2. They have the same or similar types of controls.

3. The specific machines and equipment covered by the procedure are identified by at least type and location.

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