

## **PART 1 - GENERAL**

### **1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- .1 Procedures to isolate and lockout electrical facility or other equipment from energy source.

### **1.2 RELATED WORK**

- .1 Section 01 35 24 - Special Procedures on Fire Safety Requirements.
- .2 Section 01 35 29 - Health and Safety Requirements.

### **1.3 REFERENCES**

- 1 C22.1-06 - Canadian Electrical Code, Part 1, Safety Standard for Electrical Installations.
- .2 CAN/CSA C22.3 No. 1-06 - Overhead Systems.
- .3 CAN/CSA C22.3 No. 7-06 - Underground Systems.
- .4 COSH, Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations made under Part II of the Canada Labour Code.

### **1.4 DEFINITIONS**

- .1 Electrical Facility: means any system, equipment, device, apparatus, wiring, conductor, assembly or part thereof that is used for the generation, transformation, transmission, distribution, storage, control, measurement or utilization of electrical energy, and that has an amperage and voltage that is dangerous to persons.
- .2 Guarantee of Isolation: means a guarantee by a competent person in control or in charge that a particular facility or equipment is isolated.
- .3 De-energize: in the electrical sense, that a piece of equipment is isolated and grounded, e.g. if the equipment is not grounded, it cannot be considered de-energized (DEAD).
- .4 Guarded: means that an equipment or facility is covered, shielded, fenced, enclosed, inaccessible by location, or otherwise protected in a manner that, to the extent that is reasonably practicable, will prevent or reduce danger to any person who might touch or go near such item.

- .5 Isolate: means that an electrical facility, mechanical equipment or machinery is separated or disconnected from every source of electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic or other kind of energy that is capable of making it dangerous.
- .6 Live/alive: means that an electrical facility produces, contains, stores or is electrically connected to a source of alternating or direct current of an amperage and voltage that is dangerous or contains any hydraulic, pneumatic or other kind of energy that is capable of making the facility dangerous to persons.

### 1.5 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- .1 Perform lockouts in compliance with:
  - .1 Canadian Electrical Code.
  - .2 Federal and Provincial Occupational Health and Safety Acts and Regulations as specified in Section 01 35 29.
  - .3 Regulations and code of practice as applicable to mechanical equipment or other machinery being de-energized.
  - .4 Procedures specified herein.
- .2 In event of conflict between any provisions of above authorities the most stringent provision will apply. Should a dispute arise in determining the most stringent requirement, Departmental Representative will advise on the course of action to be followed.

### 1.6 SUBMITTALS

- .1 Submit copy of proposed Lockout Procedures and sample form of lockout permit or lockout tags for review.
- .2 Submit documentation within 7 calendar days of acceptance of bid. Do not proceed with work until submittal has been reviewed by Departmental Representative.
- .3 Submit above documents in accordance with the submittal requirements specified in Section 01 33 00.
- .4 Resubmit Lockout Procedures with noted revisions as may result from Departmental Representative's review.

## 1.7 ISOLATION OF EXISTING SERVICES

- .1 Obtain Departmental Representative's written authorization prior to conducting work on an existing active, energized service or facility required as part of the work and before proceeding with lockout of such services or facility.
- .2 To obtain authorization, submit to Departmental Representative the following documentation:
  - .1 Written Request for Isolation of the service or facility and;
  - .2 Copy of Contractor's Lockout Procedures.
- .3 Make a Request for Isolation for each event, unless directed otherwise by Departmental Representative, and as follows:
  - .1 Fill-out standard forms in current use at the Facility when so directed by Departmental Representative or;
  - .2 Where no form exist at Facility, make request in writing identifying:
    - .1 Identification of system or equipment to be isolated, including its location;
    - .2 Time duration, indicating Start time and date, and Completion time and date when isolation will be in effect;
    - .3 Voltage of service feed to system or equipment being isolated;
    - .4 Name of person making the request.
- .3 Document to be in typewritten format.
- .4 Do not proceed until receipt of written notification from Departmental Representative granting the Isolation Request and authorization to proceed with the isolation of designated equipment or facility. Departmental Representative may designate other individual at the Facility as the person authorized to grant the Isolation Request.
- .5 Conduct safe, orderly shutdown of equipment or facilities, de-energize and isolate power and other sources of energy and lockout items in accordance with requirement of clause 1.8 below.
- .6 Plan and schedule shut down of existing services in consultation with the Departmental Representative and the Facility Manager. Minimize impact and downtime of facility operations.
- .7 Determine in advance, as much as possible, in cooperation with the Departmental Representative, the type and frequency of situations which will require a Request for Isolation. Follow Departmental Representative's directives in this regard.
- .8 Conduct hazard assessment as part of the planning process of isolating existing equipment and facilities. Hazard Assessments to conform to requirements of Health and Safety Section 01 35 29.

## 1.8 LOCKOUTS

- .1 Isolate and lockout electrical facilities, mechanical equipment and machinery from all potential energy sources prior to starting work on such items.
- .2 Develop and implement lockout procedures to be followed on site as an integral part of the Work.
- .3 Use energy isolation lockout devices specifically designed and appropriate for type of facility or equipment being locked out.
- .4 Use industry standard lockout tags.
- .5 Provide appropriate safety grounding and guards as required.
- .6 Prepare Lockout Procedures in writing. Describe safe work practices, work functions and sequence of activities to be followed on site to safely isolate all potential energy sources and lockout/tag-out facilities and equipment.
- .7 Include within procedures a system of worker request and issuance of individual lockout permit by a person, employed by Contractor, designated to be "in-charge" and being responsible for:
  - .1 Controlling issuance of permits or tags to workers.
  - .2 Determining permit duration.
  - .3 Maintaining record of permits and tags issued.
  - .4 Submitting a Request for Isolation to Departmental Representative when required in accordance with Clause 1.7 above.
  - .5 Designating a Safety Watcher, when one is required based on type of work.
  - .6 Ensuring equipment or facility has been properly isolated, providing a Guarantee of Isolation to worker(s) prior to proceeding with work.
  - .7 Collecting and safekeeping lockout tags, returned by workers, as a record of the event.
- .8 Clearly establish, describe and allocate, within procedures, the responsibilities of:
  - .1 Workers.
  - .2 Designated person controlling issuance of lockout tags/permits.
  - .3 Safety Watcher.
  - .4 Subcontractors and General Contractor.
- .9 Procedures shall meet the requirements of Codes and Regulations specified in clause 1.5 above.

## 1.8 LOCKOUTS (cont'd)

- .10 Generic procedures, if used, must be edited, supplemented with pertinent information and tailored to reflect specific project conditions. Clearly label as being the procedures applicable to this contract.
  - .1 Incorporate site specific rules and procedures established by Facility Manager and in force at site. Obtain such procedures through Departmental Representative.
- .11 Procedures to be in typewritten format.
- .12 Submit copy of Lockout Procedures to Departmental Representative, in accordance with submittal requirements of clause [1.6] herein, prior to commencement of work.

## 1.9 CONFORMANCE

- .1 Ensure that lockout procedures, as established for project on site, are stringently followed. Enforce use and compliance by all workers.
- .2 Brief all persons working on electrical facilities, mechanical and other equipment fed by an energy source on requirements of this section.
- .3 Failure to perform lockouts in accordance with regulatory requirements or follow procedures specified herein may result in the issuance of a Non-Compliance Notification at Departmental Representative's discretion with possible disciplinary measures imposed as specified in Section 01 35 29.

## 1.10 DOCUMENTS ON SITE

- .1 Post Lockout Procedures on site in common location for viewing by workers.
- .2 Keep copies of Request for Isolation submitted to Departmental Representative and lockout permits or tags issued to workers during the course of work for full project duration.
- .3 Upon request, make such data available to Departmental Representative or to authorized safety representative for inspection.

**END OF SECTION**