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# **Guidance on Practice for Energy Isolation Safe Operating Procedure No.2**

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## Foreword

The Golden Rule on Energy Isolation states:

Any isolation of energy systems; mechanical, electrical, process, hydraulic and others, cannot proceed unless:

- o The method of isolation and discharge of stored energy are agreed and executed by a competent person(s)
- o Any stored energy is discharged
- o A system of locks and tags is utilized at isolation points
- o A test is conducted to ensure the isolation is effective
- o Isolation effectiveness is periodically monitored

Energy sources shall be isolated whenever servicing or performing maintenance on machines and equipment in which the unexpected energisation or start up, or the release of stored energy could cause injury. The isolation process is often known as Lockout/Tagout (LOTO).

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