

UNEXPECTED EQUIPMENT STARTUP

ENERGY CONTROL | THINK AHEAD. CONTROL THE HAZARD. PROTECT THE CREW.

Today we are discussing unexpected equipment startup. Review the job, identify the specific exposure, and agree on the controls before work begins.

COMMON HAZARDS AND SAFEGUARDS

- Coordinate with operations before approaching equipment
- Use lockout/tagout rather than relying on stop buttons
- Account for automatic, remote, and interlocked starts
- Block equipment that can move by gravity or pressure
- Keep guards installed until isolation is verified
- Warn the crew before testing or returning equipment to service

THE COMMON-SENSE CHECK

- 1 What can go wrong during unexpected equipment startup?
- 2 Which of today's conditions increases the risk?
- 3 Are isolation, permits, and equipment verified?
- 4 Does everyone understand the controls and limits?
- 5 What will make us stop, withdraw, or raise the alarm?

CONTROL THE EXPOSURE

PLAN

Coordinate with operations before approaching equipment

VERIFY

Use lockout/tagout rather than relying on stop buttons

CONTROL

Account for automatic, remote, and interlocked starts

RESPOND

Warn the crew before testing or returning equipment to service

ASK THE CREW

1. Where could this hazard affect us during today's work?

2. Which control must be verified before we begin?

3. What condition requires us to stop work or evacuate?

DATE: _____ SUPERVISOR: _____ CREW / LOCATION: _____