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LOTO NEWSLETTER

LOTO Subject Area Changes

Members of the LOTO Practices Working Group (LPWG) met with workers and supervisors during 2014. At these meetings, feedback and ideas for improving the LOTO process were discussed. This input led to three important changes to the LOTO for Installation, Demolition, or Service and Maintenance Subject Area. These changes will become effective when the revised Subject Area is released on January 5th, 2015. Thanks to all staff members who provided their input. The changes are listed below.

- 1. The LOTO tag used by BNL staff is being changed to a BNL designed/produced two sided tag— Stock Number S81043. The new design has more room for describing the purpose of the LOTO as well as separate lines for the LOTO Authorized Employee's printed name and signature.
- Tag # ADANGE ADANGER **DO NOT DO NOT** OPERATE OPERATE **Equipment Locked Out** Equipment Locked Out This tag may be removed only by: Brookhaven National Laboratory Life# Name (Print) Dent Evt See Other Side See Other Side Tag to be used by BNL staff beginning January 5, 2015



- BNL applied one sided tags that are in place on January 5, 2015 may remain until January 5, 2016.
- Contractors can use an OSHA-compliant tag that is similar in appearance (striped red borders).
 Contractor tags may still be printed on one side.
- 2. Changes are being made to the LOTO process regarding the Electrical Materials and Equipment Installation (EMII) program. The EMII program provides for final inspection of electrical installations at BNL.
 - A definition of the EMII program was included in the LOTO Subject Area.
 - Wording was added to allow an EMII inspector to LOTO as described below:
 - Where a "Simple LOTO" is in place and an inspection is required, Local Inspectors or the Chief Electrical Inspector may choose to follow the Simple LOTO process even if they are not identified as members of the BNL craft, crew, or contractor that applied the initial simple LOTO.
 - Where a "Complex LOTO Single Worker" is in place and an inspection is required, the LOTO becomes a Complex LOTO Group process, requiring additional work planning.
 - Where a "Complex LOTO Group" is in place and an inspection is required, local inspectors and the Chief Electrical Inspector must follow the Complex LOTO Group process.
- 3. A change is being made to the requirement for logging of LOTO tags Complex Group LOTOs in place for less than one shift no longer require tags to be logged.

If you have a suggestion that you would like to discuss with the LPWG, please come and visit us. The group meets once per month. Contact an LPWG member listed on the left side of this newsletter to find out when the next meeting will be held.