

2.9 LOTO Alternatives

Certain machines and machine tasks may require frequent access to operating areas possessing potential hazardous energy. These tasks can include making tool changes/adjustments, adjusting work pieces, clearing debris, etc. Alternative methods to standard LOTO measures may be utilized provided that they demonstrate an equal to or greater level of protection as LOTO. If alternative methods are to be used, they must be well documented and included in the Standard Operating Procedure for the machine or equipment. Additionally, Laboratory Safety must approve of all alternative LOTO methods prior to their implementation. Alternative methods to LOTO will not be authorized where convenience is determined to be the reason for their implementation.