OSHA’s Lockout – Tagout Standard
(CFR 1910.147)

MORE THAN A PADLOCK

The standard covers the requirements to control the unexpected start-up or release of stored energy while performing maintenance on equipment.

General Requirements include:

- Identification of energy sources and the process to de-energize or block said energy. (Lockout)
- Communication of the intended maintenance. (Tagout)
- Authorization and training of the individual(s) to perform the maintenance.
- Verification that the individual(s) are competent to perform the task and are in compliance with the procedures. (Periodic Inspection)

Blocking devices common to the waste industry:

WAIT! There could be more than one energy source!

Best Practice: Enlist the help of a co-worker to identify potential hazards. Explain what you are about to do and have them check your logic.

NO SHORT CUTS!

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