Preventing Worker Injuries and Deaths as a Result of the Release of Hazardous Energy by Motor Vehicles

Public Employee Alert #15
Safety Bulletin
ATTENTION: All Public Employers
May 1, 2001

This notice is being sent as a result of the potential for accidents and fatalities involving employees not controlling hazardous energy while performing maintenance on motor vehicles.

Please Ensure that this Warning and the Safe Practices below are Shared With All Operational Personnel

WARNING!
Workers risk possible injury or death when working on motor vehicles not properly locked and tagged out.

When service or maintenance activities are conducted on any mobile equipment, de-energization and/or immobilization of that equipment is required. Title 29 CFR 1910.147 "Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout) " applies to motor vehicles.

Please refer to Public Employer Safety Alert #3 (January 1997) *"Adoption of Federal Standard for the Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout)"* for specific standard requirements. The full text of this standard can also be obtained at **www.osha.gov**. A complete copy of 29 CFR 1910 "*General Industry Standards*" can be purchased by contacting:

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Safe Work Practices
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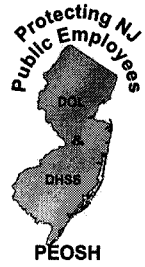

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PUBLIC EMPLOYER SAFETY ALERT #3(R11-00)

ADOPTION OF FEDERAL STANDARD FOR THE CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS ENERGY (LOCKOUT/TAGOUT)

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The Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health Act, N.J.S.A. 34:6A-25 et seq. as amended on July 25, 1995, provides that the Commissioner of Labor shall adopt all applicable OSHA safety and health standards. Accordingly, on August 5, 1996, the Commissioner of Labor adopted the OSHA Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout) standard, 29 CFR 1910.147. Previously, this critical safety matter had been regulated by a State adopted PEOSHA standard (N.J.A.C. 12:100-11.1 et seq). Given the statutory directive, the Office of Public Employees' Safety is now enforcing the OSHA standard.

To assist you in your safety compliance efforts, you may access this standard on OSHA's homepage at www.osha.gov. Additionally, to avoid any confusion, the New Jersey Department of Labor will, in the near future, put forward a proposal to repeal N.J.A.C. 12:100-11.1 et seq. as it does not appear to contain any provisions which are more effective than the OSHA standard.