POLICY ON EQUIPMENT DISCONNECTS

Purpose: Due to varying schemes for wiring automatic starters on electric devices, the hand/off/auto switch cannot be considered as a reliable disconnect device. To avoid unexpected remote starting, the main disconnect must be used on all equipment prior to working on or around it. Disconnects are to be locked out and tagged out while equipment is being repaired.

Policy: Main disconnects are to be used for shutting down equipment prior to making repair. Current "lockout tagout procedures are to be followed. See Lockout Tagout section of Safety Manual.

Responsibility: It is the responsibility of the mechanic performing repair to utilize and tag the main disconnect. The same mechanic is responsible for removing tags and restoring equipment disconnect to normal position after work is complete.

NOTE: See Policy #28 on "Lock Out Procedures".

References: None