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This standard is one of a series of safety standards that have been formulated by the Accredited Standards Committee on Safety in Construction and Demolition Operations, A10. It is expected that the standards in the A10 series will find a major application in industry, serving as a guide to contractors, labor, and equipment manufacturers. For the convenience of users, a list of existing and proposed standards in the A10 series for Safety Requirements in Construction and Demolition Operations follows.

A10.1 Pre-Project & Pre-Task Safety & Health Planning
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A10.3 Powder-Actuated Fastening Systems
A10.4 Personnel Hoists and Employee Elevators
A10.5 Material Hoists
A10.6 Demolition Operations
A10.7 Transportation, Storage, Handling and Use of Commercial Explosives and Blasting Agents
A10.8 Scaffolding
A10.9 Concrete and Masonry Construction
A10.10 Temporary and Portable Space Heating Devices
A10.11 Personnel Nets
A10.12 Excavation
A10.13 Steel Erection
A10.15 Dredging
A10.16 Tunnels, Shafts and Caissons
A10.17 Safe Operating Practices for Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Construction
A10.18 Temporary Roof and Floor Holes, Wall Openings, Stairways and Other Unprotected Edges
A10.19 Pile Installation and Extraction Operations
A10.20 Ceramic Tile, Terrazzo, and Marble Work
A10.21 Safe Construction and Demolition of Wind Generation/Turbine Facilities (under development)
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A10.41 Equipment Operator and Supervisor Qualifications and Responsibilities (under development)
A10.42 Rigging Qualifications and Responsibilities in the Construction Industry
A10.43 Confined Spaces in Construction (under development)
A10.44 Lockout/Tagout in Construction
A10.46 Hearing Loss Prevention
A10.47 Highway Construction Safety
A10.48 Communication Tower Erection (under development)
A10.49 Control of Health Hazards (under development)

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1. **SCOPE AND PURPOSE**

1.1 **Scope.** This standard establishes the minimum requirements for the control of energy sources to prevent release of harmful energy that could cause death, injury or illness to personnel performing construction and demolition work.

This standard does not cover the following:

Installations under the exclusive control of electric utilities for the purpose of power generation, transmission and distribution, including related equipment for communication or metering; exposure to electrical hazards from work on, near or with conductors or equipment in electric utilization installations.

1.2 **Purpose.** The purpose of this standard is to establish procedures for the protection of personnel and property from injury due to the unexpected energization or start-up of machines or equipment or release of stored energy in, on or around machines or equipment during repair, maintenance, servicing, installation and associated activities. To ensure that before any worker services equipment where the potential exists for unexpected energization or start-up of equipment or the release of stored energy, the machine or equipment is isolated from the energy source and rendered inoperative.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

2.1 **Affected Employee.** An employee whose job requires them to operate or use a machine or equipment on which servicing or maintenance is being performed under lockout or tagout, or whose job requires them to work in an area in which such servicing or maintenance is being performed.

2.2 **Authorized Employee.** A qualified person authorized by their employer to lockout and/or tagout machines or equipment in order to perform servicing or maintenance on a machine or piece of equipment, which has a source(s) of energy that can cause injury to the worker. Furthermore, any worker who implements a lockout and/or tagout system procedural element on machines or equipment (for servicing or maintenance purposes) is considered an authorized employee. This includes employees who: 1) perform energy isolation; 2) implement lockout and/or tagout on machines or equipment; 3) dissipate potential (stored) energy; 4) verify energy isolation; 5) implement actions to release LOTO; or 6) test or position machines or equipment.

2.3 **Capable of Being Locked Out.** An energy isolating device is one capable of being locked out if it has a hasp or other means of attachment to which, or through which, a lock can be affixed, or it has a locking mechanism built into it. Other energy isolating devices are capable of being locked out, if lockout can be achieved without the need to dismantle, rebuild or replace the energy isolating device or permanently alter its energy control capability.

2.4 **Competent Person(s).** One who, as a result of specific education, training and/or experience, is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to employees and who has authorization and responsibility to take prompt, corrective measures to eliminate them.