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electrical safety awareness

For use by Remote Permitting Contractors at NA Retail and C&I Petroleum facilities

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Training Objectives are to:

- Describe what constitutes Electrical Work and associated "Work On" or "Work Near" Electrical parts
- Describe Work Zones and Boundaries
- Describe Pre-Job Assessment for Energized Electrical work
- List conditions for Work Stoppage
- Outline what is Americas Products standard for electrically safe work condition
- Provide details on where additional information can be obtained.



Electrical Work: Any task that involves working "on" or "near" any electrical system or equipment that is operating at a voltage of 50 volts or more and that has "exposed live parts". This includes "work on" non-electrical equipment that is within 3.2 meters (10 feet) of equipment or lines operating at 50 volts or more and that have **exposed live parts**

<u>Working on</u> (energized electrical equipment): Performing activities that require contact with *exposed live parts* on electrical equipment, circuits or components either through the use of tools or by hand, regardless of whether or not personal protective equipment is being employed. (exemption : Electrical testing/ troubleshooting)

<u>Working near</u> (energized electrical equipment): Performing any type of activity within the Limited Approach Boundary, 3.2 meters (10 feet) of *energized exposed live parts or equipment*.



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- Any work performed inside the restricted approach boundary is considered high risk and the work must be managed with an Energized Electrical Work Form in addition to the General Work Permit. This does not include testing/troubleshooting.
- All permit to work requirements need to be met as well as the requirements in the <u>Energized</u> <u>Electrical Work Form.</u>
- The Manger for M&C must approve (in writing) any live electrical work. Contact your project manger to request.

Work Zones & Boundaries

- The space to safeguard personnel. An area temporarily marked off with rope, tape or other barricading devices into which entry is prohibited for all persons except those authorized by the Person in Charge of the work zone.
- A work zone is established by the <u>Qualified Electrical Person</u>



- Qualified Electrical Person to establish:
 - Flash Protection Boundary
 - Limited Approach Boundary
 - Restricted Approach Boundary
- Personal Protective Equipment identified by JSA/JLA based on the Shock and Hazard Analysis and voltage of equipment to be used.



Energized Electrical Work

Ten Foot Rule

- Any person that is NOT electrically Qualified or Authorized must maintain a minimum distance of 10 ft from any exposed live part.
- As the distance between a person and the exposed live part decreases, the potential for an electrical accident increases.
- Closer distance also requires higher levels of training and PPE. Only Qualified Electrical Persons can work at or closer than the restricted approach boundary



Pre- Job Risk Assessment

- The Energized Electrical Work must be evaluated by a Qualified Electrical Person or the Permit Issuer with assistance of a Qualified Electrical Person.
- The Energized Electrical Work Form is designed to identify the hazards involved, and determine the controls necessary to work safely, including identifying the PPE requirements.
- Energized Work needs to be planned because of the amount of information needed on the Form and the JSA.



Conditions for Work Stoppage

- Stand By Person, when required, leaves post without a qualified replacement
- Change in scope of work, such as additional work not originally anticipated
- Unsafe conditions are found that were previously not known
- Serious safety concern raised by worker/Company representative
- Facility emergency alarms activated





Downstream & Chemicals Rule

- The inherently safer, preferred practice at all Chevron owned and operated facilities is to place electrical equipment or systems (conductors and/or exposed parts) of 50 volts or more into an electrically safe work condition first:
 - De-energize / isolate
 - Lock & Tag
 - Test / Tried
 - Ground conductors when applicable

<u>Note:</u> Always consider electrical equipment <u>energized</u> if not put in an <u>"electrically safe work condition"</u>



- Electrical isolation: Electrical Isolation can only be carried out by a competent and qualified electrician, except for the following two exceptions which may be carried out by appropriately trained personnel:
 - Electrical isolation on circuits operated at extra low voltages (extra low voltage: any voltage normally <u>not exceeding</u> 50 volts A.C. or 120 volts D.C.).
- Tripping of circuit breakers on extra low or low voltage circuits (low voltage: any voltage <u>exceeding</u> 50 volts A.C. or 120 volts D.C. <u>but not exceeding</u> 1000 volts A.C. or 1500 volts D.C.).

Note: Authorized Electrical Persons can conduct isolation under these exceptions. However the testing step of isolation on systems/equipment above 50 volts with exposed parts (potentially energized) need be conducted by a *Qualified Person*.





Additional Information

- For additional details on Energized Electrical Work requirements refer to:
- Your local/regional operating procedures
- Safe Work Practice Standard for AP Energized Electrical Work <u>12.3.2.45</u>
- Your local OE/HES Specialist
- Your Regional Safety Specialist
- OSHA/Worsafe BC

