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COMMERCIAL INDUSTRY LOCK OUT/TAG OUT PROTOCOL AND IMPLEMENTATION IN WESTERN ALASKA

Recently the Coast Guard investigated a marine casualty in which a fish process worker sustained a severe hand injury while repairing a fish header machine that was inadvertently activated by a shipmate. The machine had not been properly secured.

In light of this incident, I strongly urge all commercial vessel owners and operators to review their Lock Out/Tag Out (LO/TO) procedures, properly train workers who have direct contact with hazardous equipment, and ensure strict adherence to LO/TO procedures. Routine repairs and maintenance of electrical, mechanical, and hydraulic equipment on an unstable maritime platform is inherently dangerous, and the proper use of LO/TO procedures is critical to ensuring a safe work environment.

You can learn more about LO/TO procedures at
<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/controlhazardousenergy/recognition.html>.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding the content outlined above to the Investigations Division at 907-271-6709.

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