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REFERENCE

NFPA 70E Article 120.2(F)(2) Elements of Control (f)(4) (2004, 2009, 2012, 2015)

QUESTION

“Requirement to retest for absence of voltage when circuit conditions change or when the job location has been left unattended.” Can you clarify the meaning of this statement?

ANSWER

The requirement to retest for absence of voltage when circuit conditions change or when the job location has been left unattended is interpreted to mean the following:

Retesting is necessary if circuit conditions may have changed or supervisory control of the circuit was not maintained. This includes temporary release for testing/positioning.

Supervisory control of the circuit exists when compliant lockout and tagout procedures are followed and lockout and tagout has been applied to the circuit and absence of energy has been verified (an electrically safe work condition exists).

Conversely, after lockout and tagout is removed, the circuit is not under supervisory control and circuit condition may have changed. Under these circumstances the circuit is considered to be unattended.