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TO: All OSHA Consultants, Supervisors, and Safety Officers

SUBJECT: 29 CFR 1910.262 (J)

The above standard states:

Drawing frames, slubbers, roving parts, cotton combers, ring spinning frames, twistors. Gear housing covers on all installations of drawing frames, slubbers roving frames, cotton combers, ring spinning frames, and twistors shall be equipped with interlocks.

An alternative measure may be employed and construed as meeting the standard in lieu of the requirement for interlocks on the gear housing covers on the above mentioned machinery. This alternative measure consists of the following two conditions:

- a. the establishment must have a program or prescribed method and which is the establishment's written policy, requiring lockouts to be installed before performing maintenance, making repairs, adjustments, or in any way working on or with gear housing and associated power transmission apparatus.
- b. must have further installed limit switches on the apparatus, or bolt the door closed such that a wrench is required to open the door.

When these two conditions (a and b) are met, then this method will be accepted in lieu of the requirements for interlocks on the gear housing covers.

It must be ascertained that the system providing for the use of lockouts and having limit switches is in effect before this can be substituted for the interlock. If neither system is in effect, the employer will be informed of the standard requiring interlocks on the gear housing covers, and informed of the alternative measure, but will be cited for having no interlocks on the gear housing covers.

If the firm installs wire mesh or other metal guards in accordance with Table 0-12 such that grease guns can pass through the guards to the fitting and employee exposure is eliminated then the firm will not be cited for performing

this function without locking out the machine, provided that the guard itself remains in place, secured with either bolts or limit switches.

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