



# Safety Alert

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## LOCKOUT/TAGOUT PROCEDURES

### WHAT HAPPENED:

After making a connection, the driller inadvertently kicked in the main pump from the driller's console while the toolpusher and derrickman were changing the pony rod on the pump. No one was injured, but the pony rod had to be cut in half to be removed and pump was damaged. The situation could have been much worse, resulting in an injury.

### WHAT CAUSED IT:

The crew failed to disable the airline that enabled the pump at the compound. They also failed to tag out the pump activation lever at the driller's console.

### CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

- Ensure that any equipment under repair is disconnected from energy sources.
- Ensure that controls for equipment under repair is tagged and locked out to prevent use.

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