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ASSURED EQUIPMENT GROUNDING CONDUCTOR PROGRAM		Revision No.	0

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide procedures and guidelines to eliminate all injuries resulting from possible malfunctions, improper grounding and/or defective electrical tools. This program applies to all sites, employees and contractors and shall be used on owned premises.

Definitions

Competent Person - one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter - a device for the protection of personnel that functions to de-energize a circuit or portion thereof within an established period of time when a current to ground exceeds some predetermined value that is less than that required to operate the overcurrent protective device of the supply circuit.

Responsibilities

Supervisors are designated as competent persons for the Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program and are responsible for program execution. One or more competent persons must be designated (as defined in 1926.32(f)) to implement and execute the program.

Employees are responsible for following the requirements of this program, to perform visual inspections and to take defective equipment out of service.

Procedures and Guidelines to Eliminate Injuries

It is important to note that In many cases, the Company will use GFCIs in lieu of an assured grounding program.

With that being said, the following procedures and guidelines are designed to eliminate all injuries resulting from possible malfunctions, improper ground and/or defective tools.

Assured Grounding Site Program Requirement

An assured grounding conductor program must be implemented on all Burnt Mountain Services (the Company) sites covering all cord sets, receptacles which are not part of the building or structure & equipment connected by cord and plug which are available for use or used by employees.

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters

All 120-volt, single-phase 15 and 20 ampere receptacle outlets on construction or maintenance sites, which are not part of the permanent wiring of the building or structure and which are in use by employees, shall have approved ground fault circuit interrupters for personnel protection.

- All hand portable electric tools and extension cords shall use a GFCI.
- Additionally, approved GFCI's shall be used for 240-Volt circuits in the same service as described above.
- GFCI's must be used on all 120 volt, single-phase 15 amp and 20 amp receptacles within 6 feet of a sink, damp areas or on installed outdoor equipment.
- The GFCI must be the first device plugged into a permanent receptacle.

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- The GFCI must be tested before each use.

Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program

The Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program (AEGCP) shall cover all cord sets, receptacles not a part of the permanent wiring of a structure and equipment connected by cord and plug on all construction and maintenance sites.

This written description of the program shall be kept at the jobsite for inspection and copying by OSHA and any affected employee.

Removing Equipment

Restrictions on the use of equipment that does not meet requirements or if it is found to be defective shall be applied and enforced. Any equipment which has not met the requirements of this program shall not be available or permitted to be used in Company operations. Damaged items shall not be used until repaired.

How Often Inspection of Cords and Equipment are to be Made

Daily Visual inspections – The following shall be visually inspected before each day's use for external defects (such as deformed or missing pins or insulation damage) and for indication of possible internal damage:

- Cord sets;
- Attachment caps;
- Plug and receptacle of cord sets;
- Any equipment connected by cord and plug (with the exception of cord sets and receptacles which are fixed and not exposed to damage) such as deformed or missing plug, and
- Insulation damage
- Damaged items shall not be used until repaired or shall be discarded.

How and When Tests are Performed and What Records are Maintained

All equipment grounding conductors shall be tested for continuity and shall be electrically continuous.

Each receptacle and attachment cap or plug shall be tested for correct attachment of the equipment grounding conductors. The equipment grounding conductor shall be connected to its proper terminal.

When tests are performed:

- Before each use.
- Before equipment is returned to service following any repairs.
- Before equipment is used such as when a cord has been run over.
- At intervals not to exceed 3 months, except that cord sets and receptacles which are fixed and not exposed to damage shall be tested at intervals not exceeding 6 months.

Tests performed as required by this program shall be recorded as to the identity of each receptacle, cord set and cord and plug connected equipment that passed the test and shall indicate the last date tested or interval for which it was tested. This record shall be kept by means of logs, color coding or other effective means and shall be maintained until replaced by a more current record. These records shall be made available at the job site for inspection by the Assistant Secretary and any affected employees.