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**To:** VTY - All Users  
**Subject:** Yellow Memo - Electrical Safety

**Importance:** High

We have had several electrical safety challenges in the last 24 hours. They have included near misses and one individual receiving a shock (he was not injured). With the amount of electrical work left to do in this outage, **WE MUST KEEP OUR FOCUS ON ELECTRICAL SAFETY.** Please take a minute to read the attached yellow memo which discusses these issues and what you can do to keep yourself and your co workers **SAFE.**

Thank you,

Jay Thayer



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# Yellow Memo

April 17, 2004

Memorandum: Vermont Yankee Personnel  
From: Jay Thayer – Site Vice President  
Subject: Worker Receives a Shock

## **The Event:**

Condition Report 2004-01235 documents that an employee came in contact with a live terminal while moving a relay during implementation of a design modification. The circuit had previously been tagged out but had been re-energized via a temporary lift. The Supervisor did not appropriately respond when notified of the Temporary Lift and the worker did not confirm that the circuit was dead before proceeding with the work. Safety was notified and the individual was checked out at the hospital and was not injured.

## **What went right?**

- Work was stopped, Supervision and Safety were notified and the worker was not injured.

## **What went wrong?**

- The Supervisor did not appropriately respond to a warning in ESOMS advising of the “Temporary Lift”
- A “live-dead-live” check as required by Safety Standard 302 was not performed
- Several other Condition Reports have been written within the last 24 hours reporting Electrical Safety vulnerabilities

## **What’s the message?**

- De-energizing an electrical bus or panel does not necessarily de-energize everything
- “Live-Dead-Live” Checks are required by the Safety Standard
- Compliance with Safety Standards is a condition of employment
- Tagging must be verified to be correct, complete and in place
- Be aware of adjacent or interfacing work activities that could introduce unexpected energy sources
- We need to challenge each other and stop work if an unsafe condition exists

## **Any questions regarding YOUR Safety?**

Contact your supervisor or one of our site Safety Representatives (Wayne Boyd (ext 5668) or John Boothroyd (ext 5524)).