Fatality File: LOTO

John was a member of the maintenance department. He was called to perform a repair on a machine in unit 3. John simply turned the machine off, got his tools, removed the necessary guards, and started to work. The job was on the back side of the machinery away from the control panel. John was doing an outstanding job of repairing the machine, but he forgot the most important component of this job – Lockout / Tagout / Tryout.

Meanwhile, – Bill, the operator – returned from his break. He did not see John and there was no indication that the machine was under repair. Assuming his machine was ready to run, Bill started it. He had no idea that John was inside!

In an instant John was seriously injured and his painful screams have been forever etched into Bill’s mind.