

NTPC Health & Safety Alert

Transformer Cut-Outs



Attention all Power Linepersons, Plant Operators, and Plant Superintendents.

Background

Recently an old switch (Cut-Out) used on a distribution transformer failed (i.e., fell apart) while being operated by a Power Lineperson. There were no injuries and, after a short outage to the customers served from this transformer, a new switch was installed.

A program is being implemented to identify and replace these obsolete Cut-Out switches.

Practical Guidance

Before operating Fused Cut-Outs:

1. Notify controlling authority of intended work.
2. Hold and document a Tailboard Meeting.
3. Survey pole and hardware noting their condition and the possible need for additional safety controls.

Note: Plant Operators and Plant Superintendents must de-energize the feeder prior to performing switching.



For more information contact your Health & Safety Department.