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Jack P.F. Gremillion III, President
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Dear Mr. Gremillion III,

You have presented the Division with five different valve lock devices and have asked the Division to evaluate them based on compliance with California's Lockout/Tagout regulations found in Section 3314, Title 8, California Code of Regulations. This regulation requires the implementation of effective lockout/tagout procedures when cleaning, repairing, servicing, setting-up and adjusting Prime Movers, Machinery and Equipment.

Lock out is further defined in Section 3314, as the use of devices, positive methods and procedures, which will result in the effective isolation or securing of prime movers, machinery and equipment from mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, electrical, thermal or other hazardous energy sources.

The valve locks you have presented would provide effective lock-out provided they fit the specific valve configuration and that the user can attach a lock to your device. In an effective lockout procedure it is critical that the lockout device fits the valve and that the authorized employee or person can apply their lock to the device.

Should you have any further questions, feel free to contact Senior Safety Engineer Mariano Kramer or me at (510) 286-7013.

Sincerely,

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