

# NEVER FORGET...STAY SAFE



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May is the second anniversary of the death of our colleague Jimmy Brownlie. Jimmy was 64 years old and had worked for us for over 20 years. He had come to work on the Saturday morning, but never returned home to his wife, children and grandchildren.

Jimmy was carrying out general maintenance with two workmates at West Calder Block Works. Tragically, he died when he was crushed by a block centering machine, which wasn't locked out and was activated automatically by a sensor.

It is essential we don't forget the lessons we learnt from this tragic incident...



To mark Jimmy's death, we are distributing copies of the new MPA Guide to Energy Isolation and LOTOTO (Lock-out – Tag-out – Try-out)

**Please review this booklet with colleagues and have a safety conversation**, as a team or one to one, to ensure your isolation procedures are robust. Some typical questions you could ask yourselves, include:

#### **Demonstrate the isolation process:**

- Are procedures clear, accessible, understood? Do they include an authorisation process?
- Is there an isolation station with suitable equipment and individual padlocks with unique keys?
- Are switches, valves, equipment, etc. clearly labelled?
- Is it possible to isolate all forms of stored energy?
- Are isolation tags displayed at each isolation point?
- Are spare and master keys prohibited?
- Do we isolate as much of the equipment as possible, including upstream and downstream in the process?
- Is the "on" / "off" operation of the switches clear? Have we ensured switches cannot be locked in the "on" position?
- How do we "test start" the equipment to ensure isolation is effective before commencing work?
- Where practicable is there a "Manager in Charge" lock?
- Is there a formal check to ensure equipment is in a safe condition before the isolation is removed?

