What can you do?

- When you change the status (start, stop, open, close, increase, decrease, etc.) of a piece of equipment in your plant, know where material and energy comes from, where it can go, and how that will change when you change the equipment status.
- Complete a field assessment of a system before changing its status. Make sure that all components of the system are properly installed, and that everything is in the correct position (open, closed, on, off, etc.).
- Be particularly careful when putting equipment back into service following maintenance or any other activity where the equipment was taken apart. Make sure that it has been properly re-installed, that all temporary isolation devices such as blinds have been removed, and that all valves are in the right position.
- Set a personal goal of zero equipment setup errors and “walk the line” incidents in your job, and encourage your colleagues to do so as well!