Confined Space Determination & Decision Flow Chart

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Does the workplace contain a Permit Required Confined Space "PRCS" [Per OSHA 1926.1202]

No → Consult other applicable OSHA standards.

Yes ↓

Inform Employees [Per OSHA 1926.1203(b)(1)]

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Will PRCS be entered (by contractors or others)?

No → Prevent employee entry & Do task from outside of PRCS

Yes ↓

Inform subcontractors of the PRCS and obtain information from customer regarding PRCS [Per OSHA 1926.1203(b)(2) & (c)] Coordinate entry operations per [Per OSHA 1926.1204-1211] as well as the completed PRCS entry plan submitted by subcontractor. Prevent unauthorized entry and post "Danger PRCS" signage.

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Does the PRCS have know or potential hazards?

No → Not a PRCS.Consult other OSHA standards

Yes ↓

Can the hazards be eliminated?

Yes → Reclassify space to non-PRCS [Per OSHA 1926.1203(g)]

No ↓

If the only hazard or potential hazard is atmospheric in nature, can the space be maintained in a condition safe to enter by forced air ventilation?

Yes → Space may be entered via "Alternate Entry Procedures" [Per OSHA 1926.1203(e)] No emergency rescue is required. No permit is required

No ↓

Prepare for entry via permit procedures.

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Verify acceptable entry conditions (record initial atmospheric test results, implement permit, isolated if needed, entrants properly equipped, implement ventilation & allow for pre ventilation/circulation/air exchanges, etc.) Note: Permit not valid until conditions meet permit specifications.

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Permit issued by authorizing signature (confined space supervisor). Acceptable entry conditions maintained throughout entry.

No → Emergency exists (prohibited condition). Entrants evacuated, entry is aborted (implement emergency rescue if needed). Permit is void. Reevaluate program to correct/prevent prohibited condition(s). Occurrence of emergency (usually) is proof of deficient program/plan. No re-entry is allowed until program/plan & permit are amended.

Yes ↓

Entry tasks Completed. Permit returned and Canceled. Audit program/plan and permit based on evaluation of entry by entrants, attendants, testers and preparers, etc..