

Directorate of Construction Standards

Confined Spaces



Confined Spaces in Construction

- Issued: May 1, 2015
- Effective Date: August 3, 2015
- Expected to save 800 construction workers a year from serious injury
- Closely aligned with General Industry Rule



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The Basics.....

- Space evaluation must be done by a competent person
- Continuous atmospheric monitoring when technology is available
- Continuous monitoring for engulfment hazards if in a continuous system (sewers)

Requirements

- Permits may be “suspended” instead of “cancelled”, provided the employer conducts a full evaluation prior to re-entry.
- Employers must develop a plan for summoning local emergency services, and to contact them before starting work if relying on them for entry rescue.
- During controlled atmosphere/alternate procedures entry, employers may control/isolate physical hazards instead of eliminating them.

Multi-Employer Responsibilities

Pre-Entry

- More detailed multi-employer responsibilities.
- Pre-entry information transfer
 - Host - Give controlling contractor information if available
 - Controlling Contractor - Must give information to entry employers
 - Entry Employer - Must inform controlling contractor of their procedures

Multi-Employer Responsibilities

- Entry and controlling employers must coordinate work during entry if:
 - More than one entity in the space at the same time
 - Other activities could result in a hazard within the space

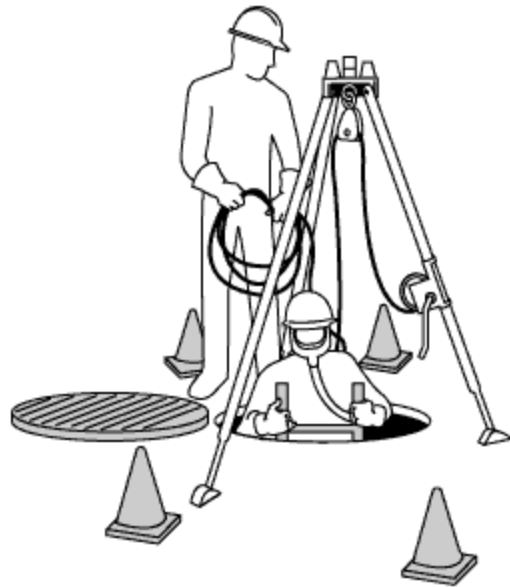
Multi-Employer Responsibilities

Post Entry

- Post-entry information transfer
 - Entry Employer - Must give controlling contractor information about the space
 - Controlling Contractor - Must give information to host employer

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- If the employer is following the construction standard, he or she is in compliance with general industry standard



Confined Spaces Web Page

- <http://www.osha.gov/confinedspaces/index.html>
- Final Rule
- FAQs
- Compliance assistance materials
- Case studies
- Construction E-tool



OTI Education Center Confined Space Courses

- OSHA #2264 *Permit-Required Confined Space Entry*
- OSHA #7300 *Understanding OSHA's Permit-Required Confined Space Standard*
 - DTE is updating the learning objectives to include the new rule
 - Tentative – Quarter 4, FY 2015

