

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Confined Spaces

[29 CFR 1910.146](#)

This document presents a brief overview and summary of the official written program. The official program is a comprehensive guide to assist District staff in complying with the requirements of the OSHA standard.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

To provide information and guidance for safe entry into confined spaces and to comply with OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.146 *Permit-Required Confined Spaces*.

PROCEDURES:

General Requirements

- Confined spaces meet all of these conditions: a) large enough to bodily enter and perform work, b) has limited means of entry and egress, and c) is not designed for continuous worker occupancy.
- No employees of the District will be designated or trained as Permit-Required Confined Space Entry Supervisors, Entrants, or Attendants.
- District employees are not authorized to enter permit-required confined spaces.

Workplace Confined Space Evaluations and Reclassification

Environmental Services Group (ESG) will oversee the following:

- Conduct/coordinate hazard assessments to determine confined space locations and hazards.
- Determine the space classification (permit-required or non-permit confined space).
- Post appropriate danger/caution signs by each confined space.
- Direct reassessments of space(s) if/when new hazards are introduced.
- Reclassify space(s) based on the “*Permit to Non-Permit Reclassification Procedures*.”

Non-Permit-Required Confined Spaces

- Employees (and supervisors) must obtain/use proper PPE, tools, and other necessary equipment.
- Attendant is not required for entry; however, employee must inform other personnel when entering and exiting a non-permit-required space.

Contractor Guidelines

- District will inform hired contractors of permit spaces.
- Notify contractor that compliance to the written program is required for permit space entry.
- Provide a copy of the permit space assessment (including identified hazards).

Employee Training

- ESG will coordinate/provide training using a qualified instructor, with certification upon completion.
- Employees trained when initially assigned to job, before change in assigned duties, when confined space operations change, and/or if inadequacies in employee knowledge of procedures; refresher training annually.

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS:

Records:

- Maintained by ESG and available upon request.
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