

CONFINED SPACE AND PERMIT-REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE RECOGNITION FORM

Part I		Yes/No
1.	Is the space large enough for an employee to enter and perform work?	
2.	Does the space have limited or restricted means for entry and exit?	
3.	Is the space designed for continuous occupancy?	

If the answers to items one and two are “yes” and item three is “no”, then you have a confined space. If these criteria have not been met, then you do not have a confined space and no further action is needed. If you do have a confined space, work through Part II (below) to work out if it is a permit-required space.

Part II		Yes/No
1.	Does the space have, or could it have, a hazardous atmosphere?	
2.	Does the space contain any chemicals or chemical residues?	
3.	Does the space contain any flammable/combustible substances?	
4.	Does the space contain, or could it contain, any decomposing organic matter?	
5.	Does the space have any pipes that bring chemicals into it?	
6.	Does the space have any materials that could trap, or potentially trap, engulf, or drown an entrant?	
7.	Is vision obscured by dust at five feet or less?	
8.	Does the space have any mechanical equipment?	
9.	Does the space have converging walls, sloped floors, or a floor that tapers to smaller cross-sections that could trap or suffocate an entrant?	
10.	Is the tank or vessel rusty inside?	
11.	Is the space either extremely hot or extremely cold?	
12.	Is the space so noisy that communicating with an attendant would be difficult?	
13.	Does the space have any slip, trip, or fall hazards?	
14.	Is there any work done near the space opening that could present a hazard to entrants?	
15.	Are there any hazards from falling objects?	

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16.	Are there high pressure lines servicing the space?	
17.	Are cleaning solvents or paints going to be used in the space?	
18.	Is welding, cutting, brazing, riveting, scraping, or sanding going to be done in the space?	
19.	Is electrical equipment located in, or will it be used in, the space?	
20.	Does the space have poor natural ventilation so that an atmospheric hazard could develop?	
21.	Are there any corrosives in the space that could irritate the eyes?	
22.	Are there conditions that could prevent any entrant's self-rescue from the space?	
23.	Are there substances used in the space that have immediate health effects?	
24.	Is mechanical ventilation needed to keep the space safe?	
25.	Due to the potential for a hazardous atmosphere, is air monitoring necessary to make sure the space is safe for entry?	
26.	Will entry be made into a diked area where the dike is five feet or more high?	
27.	Are residues going to be scraped off the inside of the space?	
28.	Are non-sparking tools needed to remove residues?	
29.	Does the space restrict movement to the extent that it could trap an entrant?	
30.	Is respiratory protection needed because of a hazardous atmosphere?	
31.	Does the space contain a hazard other than those noted above that would make it a permit space?	

If any of the questions in part two have been answered "yes", the confined space requires a permit. Entry into these types of spaces must be done using a full Permit-Required Confined Space Program. In some situations alternative procedures, or reclassifying the space to a non-permit space, may be possible.