



SSC Monthly Construction Contractor Meeting

Safety Presentation

Confined Space Safety

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Safety Topic

Confined Space Safety







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SSC Program Overview

- SCWI-8715-0004, SSC Confined Space Entry Program
- SSC Confined Space Entry Program Manager Mike Rewis
- Required documents:
 - Confined Space Entry Plan
 - Form SSC-576
 - Safety Data Sheets (if hazardous materials are used in the confined space)
 - Activity Hazard Analysis and/or Safe Plan of Action





Confined Space Safety

Confined space means a space that:

- (1) Is large enough and so configured that an employee can bodily enter and perform assigned work; and
- (2) Has limited or restricted means for entry or exit (for example, tanks, vessels, silos, storage bins, hoppers, vaults, and pits are spaces that may have limited means of entry.); and
- (3) Is not designed for continuous employee occupancy.





Confined Space Safety

Permit-required confined space (permit space) means a confined space that has one or more of the following characteristics:

- (1) Contains or has a potential to contain a hazardous atmosphere;
- (2) Contains a material that has the potential for engulfing an entrant;
- (3) Has an internal configuration such that an entrant could be trapped or asphyxiated by inwardly converging walls or by a floor which slopes downward and tapers to a smaller cross-section; or
- (4) Contains any other recognized serious safety or health hazard.



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Confined Space Hazards

Examples:

- Oxygen deficient atmospheres <19.5%
- Oxygen enrichment atmospheres > 23.5%
- Combustible dusts
- Toxic chemicals
- Thermal stress
- Particulates
- Explosive atmospheres
- Biological hazards (mold, insects, spiders, alligators, etc.)
- Mechanical injuries (unguarded equipment, energized equipment, etc.)
- Other





Personnel

SCWI-8715-0004:

- Entrant (4.5.1) personnel designated to enter confined spaces
- Entry Supervisor (4.5.2) overall approval and responsibility for entry – must notify the fire department of entry at least 24 hours in advance
- Attendant (4.5.3) maintains the permit and communication with the entrants. SHALL NOT ENTER THE PERMIT-REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE TO ATTEMPT RESCUE
- Rescue Team (4.5.4) may consist of the SSC Fire Department or an approved rescue team.



Rescue



- Self Rescue
- Entry
 - Entrant Training
 - First Aid/CPR
 - Provided with and trained in proper use of PPE and rescue equipment
 - Practice rescue in similar permit required confined space annually

Non-Entry



