

PERMIT REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE
River Trails SD 26

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1.0 POLICY

We are committed to providing a safe and healthful work environment for our entire staff. Therefore, the following written program is in place to identify any Permit-Required Confined Spaces (PRCS) and to eliminate or control hazards associated with PRCS operations. This program is in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Permit-Required Confined Spaces Standard, Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations 1910.146.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Our Confined Space Coordinator (CSC), **Steve Kosmicki**, is responsible for the overall implementation and maintenance of any written program or any certification concerning the requirements of the Permit-Required Confined Space Standard at our facility.

- 2.1** Permit-Required Confined Space Evaluation. All spaces are evaluated to determine if any permit spaces are present and the type of program required. Each space is evaluated to determine if full permit program is required, if the permit space can be reclassified as a non-permit space, or if alternative procedures can be used.

Note to the Employer: If you determine that no permit-required confined spaces exist at the facility, no further action is needed (refer to subsection 4.0 for additional clarification).

- 2.2** Training. All affected personnel are properly trained and refresher training is given as needed. Personnel who may be included are any authorized entrants, attendants, entry supervisors, on-site rescue team members and employees who may potentially enter the space.
- 2.3** Initial Contacting For Rescue Services. Rescue and emergency services have been informed of any permit-required confined spaces at our facility and have been given access to the spaces for drills, training, etc.
- 2.4** Equipment. All equipment needed for safe entry into any permit spaces and non-permit spaces is available and in proper working order.

Note to the Employer: The completion of 2.4 is not a required entry if the permit space is reclassified as a non-permit space or if alternate procedures are used. However, if an entry is required to verify the elimination of the hazard, then a full PRCS program is needed and 2.4 must be completed.

3.0 EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION & ACCESS TO INFORMATION

All employees have some responsibility for their own safety. To that end, employees and their designated representatives are consulted on the development and implementation of all aspects of our program. Employees or their designated representatives are encouraged to observe testing or monitoring of spaces. All testing or monitoring data, determinations & supporting data, permits, certifications are readily available to any employee who enters a permit space, or to that employee's authorized representative. Any permit space will be retested in the presence of an authorized entrant, or that employee's authorized representative, if requested because they have reason to believe the evaluation was not adequate.

4.0 PERMIT SPACE IDENTIFICATION

4.1 The workplace has been evaluated and determined (check box)

- No Permit-Required Confined Space(s) Exist at the Worksite.
- Permit-Required Confined Space(s) Have Been Determined to Exist.

4.2 The location(s) and hazard(s) posed by these permit spaces are listed below:

Note to the employer: A confined space is a space which:

- Is large enough and so configured that an employee can bodily enter and perform assigned work; and
- 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;
- Is not designed for continuous employee occupancy.

A permit space is a confined space which 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.

If no permit spaces are identified, no further action is required.

Location	Hazards
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Note to the Employer: Develop a list of all permit-required confined spaces including their locations and identified hazard(s) which qualify it as a permit space. Though not mandated by the standard, it would be wise to develop a second list of all non-permit confined spaces in the event that these spaces are reclassified in the future.