Does the workplace contain PRCS as defined by §1910.146(b)?

NO

Consult other applicable OSHA standards.

YES

Inform employees as required by §1910.146(c)(2).

NO

Prevent employee entry as required by §1910.146(c)(3). Do task from outside of space.

YES

Will permit space be entered?

NO

Will contractors enter?

NO

Task will be done by contractors’ employees. Inform contractor as required by §1910.146(c)(8)(i), (ii) and (iii). Contractor obtains information required by §1910.146(c)(9)(i), (ii), from host.

YES

Will host employees enter to perform entry tasks?

NO

Both contractors and host employees will enter the space.

YES

Coordinate entry operations as required by §1910.146(c)(8)(iv) and (d)(11). Prevent unauthorized entry.

STOP

Does space have known or potential hazards?

NO

Not a PRCS. 1910.146 does not apply. Consult other OSHA standards.

YES

Can the hazards be eliminated?

YES

Employer may choose to reclassify space to non-profit required confined space using §1910.146(c)(7).

NO

Can the space be maintained in a condition safe to enter by continuous forced air ventilation only?

YES

Space may be entered under §1910.146(c)(5).

NO

Prepare for entry via permit procedures.

NO

Verify acceptable entry conditions. (Test results recorded, space isolated if needed, rescuers/means to summon available, entrants properly equipped, etc.)

NO

Permit issued by authorizing signature. Acceptable entry conditions maintained throughout entry.

NO

Entry tasks completed. Permit returned and canceled.

YES

Audit permit program and permit based on evaluation of entry by entrants, attendants, testers and preparers, etc.

CONTINUE

1 Spaces may have to be evacuated and re-evaluated if hazards arise during entry.

Source: 29 CFR 1910.146 Appendix A.