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

NO

Consult other applicable OSHA standards.

STOP

YES

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

Will permit space be entered?

NO

Prevent employee entry as required by §1910.146(c)(3).

Do task from outside of space.

YES

Will contractors enter?

NO

Prevent employee entry as required by §1910.146(c)(3).

Do task from outside of space.

YES

Will host employees enter to perform entry tasks?

NO

Will contractor employees enter to perform entry tasks?

YES

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

Both contractors and host employees will enter the space.

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

STOP

NO

Prevent authorization entry.

STOP

Does space have known or potential hazards?

NO

Not a PRCS. 1910.146 does not apply.

Consult other OSHA standards.

STOP

YES

Can the hazards be eliminated?

NO

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

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

YES

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

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

STOP

STOP

STOP

Emergency exists (prohibited condition). Entrants evacuated, entry aborts. (Call rescuers if needed.) Permit is void. Reevaluate program to correct/prevent prohibited condition. Occurrence of emergency (usually) is proof of deficient program. No re-entry until program (and permit) is amended. (May require new program.)

CONTINUE

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

Source: 29 CFR 1910.146 Appendix A.

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