**Permit Required Confined Space (PRCS) Decision Flow Chart**

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

**Continue**

Both contractors and host employees will enter the space.

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)(i), (ii) and (iii) from host.

**No**

Emergency exists (prohibited condition). Entrants evacuated, entry is aborted. (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).

**No**

**Yess**

Entry tasks completed. Permit returned and canceled.

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

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

**Yess**

**Yess**

**No**

**No**

Prepare for entry via permit procedures.

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

**STOP \*\***

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Employer may choose to reclassify space to non-permit using 1910.146(c)(7).

**Yess**

**Yess**

Can the hazards be eliminated?

**No**

Does space have known or potential hazards?

**STOP\***

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

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

Prevent unauthorized entry.

**No**

**Yess**

**No**

**Yess**

**Yess**

**No**

Will host employees enter to perform entry tasks?

**No**

**Yess**

**Yess**

Will permit space be entered?

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

Permit not valid until conditions meet permit specifications.

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

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

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

Will contractors enter?

**STOP**

Consult other applicable OSHA standards.

**No**

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