

Guidelines for Determining Confined Spaces

Facility Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Space: _____

Location: _____

Completed By: _____

Date/Time Completed: _____

You must use the following criteria to decide if the space listed above is a confined space: (Note: Go to 242 FW 11, section 11.3 to read a definition of confined space.)

_____ The space is enclosed;

_____ The space is large enough and is shaped so that an employee can enter and perform job tasks;

_____ The space has limited or restricted means to enter or exit (for example, manholes, tanks, trenches, vessels, silos, storage bins, hoppers, vaults, pits, wells, and diked areas); and

_____ The space is not designated for continuous occupancy.

If you check **all 4 blanks**, the space **is** a confined space.

You must use the following criteria to determine if a confined space is a permit-required confined space: (Note: Go to 242 FW 11, section 11.3B to read the definition of permit-required confined space.)

_____ The space contains a hazardous atmosphere or a known potential to contain a hazardous atmosphere.

_____ The space contains a material with the potential for engulfing an entrant (for example, grain, ore, sand, liquid, etc.). (Note: Go to 242 FW 11, section 11.7C to read the definition of engulfment.)

_____ The space is configured so that an entrant could be trapped or asphyxiated by inwardly converging walls, or a floor that slopes downward and tapers to a smaller cross-section.

_____ The space has some other recognized serious safety or health hazard.

If you checked **any** of the 4 blanks, the space **is** a permit-required confined space.