APPENDIX C

CONFINED SPACE DECISION FLOW CHART

Does the workplace contain Confined Spaces as defined by Ch. 2 Para 2? — NO →

YES ↓

Does the workplace contain Permit-required Confined Spaces as defined by Ch. 2 Para 3? — NO →

Consult other applicable OSHA standards STOP

YES ↓

Inform employees as required by Ch. 2 Para 5.

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Will permit spaces be entered? — NO →

Prevent employee entry as required by Ch. 2 Para 6. Do task from outside of space.

YES ↓

Will contractors enter? — YES →

Task will be done by contractors' employees. Inform contractor as required by Ch. 1 Para 4l. Contractor obtains information required by Ch. 1 Para 14d from MCLBA Risk Management.

NO ↓

Will both contractors and host employees enter the space? — NO →

YES ↓

Will host employees enter to perform entry tasks? — NO → **Prevent unauthorized entry.** STOP

Coordinate entry operations as required by Ch. 1 Para 14c. Prevent unauthorized entry.

YES ↓

Does space have known or potential hazards? — NO →

Not a Permit-required confined space. This Order does not apply. Consult other applicable standards. STOP

YES ↓

Can the hazards be eliminated? — YES →

Employer may choose to reclassify space to non-permit required confined space using Ch. 5 Para 4. STOP

NO ↓

Can the space be maintained in a condition safe to enter by continuous forced air ventilation only? — YES → **Space may be entered under Ch. 6 Para 7.**

NO ↓

Prepare for entry via permit procedures.

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Verify acceptable entry condition (Test results recorded, space isolated if needed, rescuers/means to summon available, entrants properly equipped, etc.) — NO →

Permit not valid until conditions meet permit specifications.

YES ↓

Permit issued by authorizing signature. Acceptable entry conditions maintained throughout entry. — NO →

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 emended.

YES ↓

Entry tasks completed. Permit returned and canceled.

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

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