



Confined Space Program

Confined Space Procedure – Outside Contractors **29CFR1926**

Purpose:

The purpose of this procedure is to define the method of safe working practices and procedures for outside contractors working in a confined space on our premises. Only trained and authorized personnel can perform work inside a confined space. No employee of the Antioch College is permitted to enter or work in a confined space.

Definition of a Confined Space:

Any space having a limited means of egress, which is subject to accumulations of toxic or flammable contaminants or has an oxygen deficient atmosphere and is not designed for continuous worker occupancy.

Location

The Antioch College's campus has electrical vaults, storm and sanitary drain basins, drywells and steam tunnel access points throughout main campus. All manhole covers and access doors to these spaces are clearly marked manhole with a "confined space" warning sign and access is locked out via bolted covers, welded covers or padlocks. Contractors performing work in any of these labeled confined space areas must have a permit required confined space program that meets the requirements of the confined space standard. The host employer (Antioch College) upon verification of compliance will allow access to the pumping station. Site plans showing locations of confined spaces on campus are available in the Physical Plant Office.

Responsibilities of the host employer:

- Provide the contractor information on the elements, including the hazards identified and the host employer's experience with the space that makes the space in question a permit space.
- Provide the contractor information on any precautions or procedures that the host employer has implemented in or near the permit space where the contractor will be working.

- Coordinate entry operations with the contractor, when both employers' employees will be working in or near the confined space.
- Debrief the contractor at the conclusion of the entry operations regarding the permit space program followed and regarding any hazards confronted or created in the permit space during entry operations.

Responsibilities of the Contractor:

- Obtain any available information regarding the permit space hazards and entry operations from the host employer.
- Coordinate entry operations with the host employer, when both host employer and contractor personnel will be working in or near the permit space.
- Inform the host employer of the permit space program that the contractor will follow and of any hazards confronted or created in the permit space, either through debriefing or during the entry operation.
- Provide all testing and safety equipment necessary to perform confined space entry operation as well as proper entry permit and necessary standby attendant.