Does the workplace contain Confined Spaces 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 spaces be entered? NO Prevent employee entry by 1910.146 c (3). Do task from outside of space.

YES Task will be done by contractor’s employees. Inform contractor as required by 1910.146 c (8) (i), (ii), and (iii) from host.

Will contractors enter? YES Both contractors and host employees will enter space?

NO Coordinate entry operations as required by 1910.146 c (8) (iv) and (d) (11). Prevent unauthorized entry.

YES Prevent unauthorized entry.

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

YES Not a permit-required confined space. 1910.146 does not apply. Consult other OSHA standards.

Does space have known or potential hazards? NO

YES Can the hazards be eliminated? NO Employer may choose to reclassify space to non-permit required confined space using 1910.146 c (7)

YES Can the space be maintained in a condition safe to enter by continuous forced air ventilation only? NO Space may be entered under 1910.146 c (5).

NO Prepare for entry via permit procedures.

Verify acceptable entry conditions (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.

YES Entry tasks completed. Permit returned and canceled.

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

YES Emergency exits (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).

NO Permit not valid until conditions meet permit specifications.

CONTINUE

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