Confined Space Decision Flow Chart

Does the space meet ALL THREE criteria for a CONFINED SPACE?
1. Sufficiently sized and configured to enable entry and work within, and
2. Possess restricted means of entry/exit, and
3. Not designed for continuous occupancy.

The space is NOT A CONFINED SPACE

Apply Good Safety Judgment

Does the space meet ANY of the following characteristics/hazards for a PERMIT-REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE?
1. Actual or potential Hazardous Atmosphere, or
2. Potential engulfment hazard, or
3. Internal configuration capable of entrapment or asphyxiation, or
4. Any other recognized serious safety or health hazards or
5. Location appears on the list of Permit-Required Confined Spaces (Appendix A).

YES

NO

The space is a PERMIT-REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE

Is the space an Underground Electrical Vault?

YES

NO

Does the space meet BOTH of the following criteria to use the Alternate Entry Procedure?
1. Only hazard and/or potential hazard is atmospheric, and
2. Atmospheric hazard can be safely controlled by forced air ventilation.

The space is a non-permit required CONFINED SPACE

Notify supervisor before entry. Perform a pre-work briefing. Provide perimeter controls and emergency communications as needed.

At completion of work:
- Notify supervisor

END

Does the space meet ALL THREE of the following criteria?
1. The space is an Underground Electrical Installation, and
2. Entry is for ROUTINE WORK only, and
3. All hazards are controlled and/or locked out.

Proceed with PERMIT-REQUIRED Confined Space Entry Procedures
Complete ENTRY PERMIT (Appendix C)

Notify supervisor and applicable Control Center of entry into Confined Space
Have Control Center record entry

At completion of work:
- Notify Control Center
- Notify supervisor

NO

NO

YES

Notify supervisor and applicable Control Center of entry into a PERMIT REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE
Have Control Center record entry

Proceed with Alternate Entry Procedure
Complete ENTRY PERMIT (Appendix D)

At completion of work:
- Notify Control Center
- Notify supervisor

YES

Proceed with Underground Electrical Installations Procedure
Complete ENTRY PERMIT (Appendix E)

At completion of work:
- Notify Control Center
- Notify supervisor

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