Confined Space Entry Basics for Small and Large Brewers

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“Tony”
Safety moment

• Fire exits are:
• Time is short! This presentation is typically 4 hours and longer.
• Please be courteous to those around you and mute your cell phone.
• Any other necessary information? (maybe from Matt?).
What’s in this for you?

• See the required steps and documentation for Confined Space Entry.
• What happens; why.
• An Entry will be simulated as if OSHA is watching over your shoulder.
• See and receive example of the required paperwork.
• All three spaces will be addressed: Non-permit, Reclassification of a Permit Required Space, and a Permit Required Entry.
• See the duties of the entry attendant, entrant, and the Entry Supervisor.
Disclaimer:

This is not Competent Person training.

Are your State OSHA requirements more strict?
Surgeon General should say:

• Your goal: never go into a confined space.

• All contaminants in confined space atmosphere are always concentrated,

• because they cannot dilute with fresh air.

• There is a risk of long term health problems.

• The vessel only has an opening for the worker who builds it;
  WARNING: Chinese vessels have smaller manways.
Who must do this?

Moral:
I will keep my employees and myself safe.

Legal:
If the employer decides its employees will enter Permit Spaces, the employer shall develop and implement a written permit space program.

OSHA 29CFR 1910.146( c)4

Headline:
“Seven killed inside brewery tank where Corona beer is made”
Authorized Entrants must:

Know What can hurt you and How.
Know symptoms and behavioral effects.
Communicate problems.
Alert the attendant, or Exit if:
Detect sign, symptom, or behavioral effect.
Something outside space causes danger.
Attendant can’t perform their duties.
An evacuation is ordered.

Know proper use of:
Gas testing equipment.
Ventilating equipment.
Communication equipment.
PPE.
Additional Lighting: headlamps, etc.
Equipment for safe entry and exit.
Rescue and emergency equipment.
Any other Equipment needed.
Attendants must:

Know what can hurt you and how.
Know symptoms and behavioral effects.
Communicate problems.
Don’t leave while entry is in progress.
Do nothing except watch your entrants.
Monitor if entrants are safe, evacuate if:
Detect danger inside or outside.
Notice symptom or behavioral effect.
You can’t perform all your duties.

Know who is in your space.
Know how to use non-entry rescue equipment to attempt rescue if it’s safe.
Call Rescuers if entrants need help.
If unauthorized persons approach, or enter:
  Warn them to stay away from the space.
  If they enter, tell them to get out.
Inform the entrants and entry supervisor.
Entry Supervisors are:

Trained to run a Confined Space Program: Competent Person. Test the atmosphere and record results on permit before entry. Provide all equipment necessary to complete the entry. *Sign and authorize entry when all conditions for safe entry are met.* Terminate the entry and cancel the permit when:

- The work is complete.
- There’s an unacceptable condition in or near the permit space.

Make sure entry procedures are followed. Make sure acceptable entry conditions are maintained.

1910.146(d)(8); 1910.146 (j)
Confined Space

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1910.146 (b)
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• With NO actual or potential hazards is a Confined space.

• WITH actual or potential hazards is a Permit Required Confined space.

• Only enter Permit Space with a Permit or under Alternate Entry Procedures.

Can your Permit Space be reclassified for Alternate Entry?
This doesn’t provide a “safe way to enter or exit.”
This would be considered safe entry, but the second person creates a hazard.
Alternate entry is allowed when:

You can eliminate or control all hazards.
Continuous forced air ventilation will control to provide clean atmosphere.
You must verify and document that it stays safe to enter.
If it doesn’t remain safe, entrants evacuate immediately.
The entrant must have effective way to communicate and summon help.
   Example: cell phone or 2-way radio,
Conducting a Permit Space Entry

• When a Permit Space must be entered, a permit shall be completed and authorized by your Competent Person prior to entry.
• Permit certifies the space is safe for your entry.
• Includes date, location of the space, and signature of person certifying it’s safe.
• Entry is authorized after all conditions of the permit are met.
• Entrants will sign the authorized permit before they enter.
Plan the Entry

- Create plans and procedures for entry.
- Reuse plans from your previous entries into that confined space.
- Document any changes between your last entry and this entry.
- Create a Checklist, and fill in the blanks for each new entry.
- Use the checklist to account for everything during this entry; and you’ll be safe.
- Identify who will prepare the space for entry, and who will work in it.

One Document that: is a Permit, certifies Alternate Entry, or certifies Non-permit.
Confined Space Entry Permit

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL:

Location: FERMENTER #1
Entry Supervisor/PIC - Name: [Redacted]

Purpose of Entry: [Redacted]

Hazard of Permit Space: FILLING WITH LIQUID
CO2 ATMOSPHERE; OXYGEN ENRICHED ATMOSPHERE;
CLEANER AND OR SANITIZER RESIDUES;
GLYCOL COOLING JACKET;

Checklist (Yes, No, NA)

All equipment depressurized? Yes / No / NA
All equipment drained? Yes / No / NA
All equipment cleaned and purged? Yes / No / NA
Energy isolation complete? Yes / No / N/A
Emergency procedures in place? Yes / No / N/A
Space properly ventilated? Yes / No / N/A

Methods of isolation required:

- Isolation Permit
- Blind/Blank
- Double Block and Bleed
- Disconnect
- LOTO

Electric Equipment properly rated for hazardous area:

- Yes
- No
- GFCI Required
- 12 Volt Required
- N/A

Communication method:

- Voice
- N/A
- Radio
- Horn
- Hand Signals
- Other

Emergency Phone Numbers

Ambulance/EMT:
Fire department:
Outside rescue:
Air ambulance:

Personal Protective Equipment

- Goggles
- Safety Glasses
- Face Shield
- Respiratory Protection

- Neoprene Gloves
- Welding Gloves
- Rigid Stretcher
- Personal Basket
- Steel Toe Boots

Atmospheric Testing

Frequency testing: 30 MINUTES 100% (Testing shall be done at a minimum every 2 hours)

* Initial testing shall be done for reclassification to non-permit required confined space entry

Direct reading Gas monitoring equipment:

Model and Unit ID:
INDUSTRIAL SCIENTIFIC MX4
Monitor Calibration Date:

Conditions Tested for:

- Oxygen
- Flammability
- Hydrogen Sulfide
- Toxic Carbon Monoxide
- Other

Test Results:

Initial Test: 28.5%
Test Result: 28.5%
Plan the Entry

Gather general data to assess hazards of your space:

• Identify the space by name, or location.
• The specific reason for entering.
• Can you cool it down, shut off heaters, keep workers from cold?
• Identify contents of the space.
• What chemicals, materials, energy are in the space?
• How will you control vapors, or off gassing of yeast slurry?
• Can you eliminate chemical residues?
• Will hot work will be done?
1. Look closely

Name and location of space
Who wrote the document
Hazards of the space
Steps to make it safe to enter
Identify the Hazards

Before the entry, the entry supervisor will:

• Measure and record the Oxygen, Flammable gas, H2S, Carbon Monoxide.

• If a toxic substance is found, obtain a Safety Data Sheet or other chemical information.

• Determine what PPE is required,

• What are the potential health effects, and the Permissible Exposure Limits,

• What other information is needed to work safely?

Keep notes of everything.

How long does it take to ventilate and achieve clean air.

Plan your work around any delay, including time to ventilate.
2.

- Why did you enter?
- Information you needed
- Energy Isolation needed
- How you communicated
- The PPE required
- And the rescue plan and equipment
3. **Call 911?**

### Emergency Phone Numbers

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<td>911 00-303-933 333</td>
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### Personal Protective Equipment

- **Eye/face:**
  - Goggles
  - Safety Glasses
  - Face Shield
  - Respiratory

- **Arms / Hands:**
  - Neoprene
  - Welding

- **Clothing:**
  - FR Clothing
  - Slicker
  - Other
  - Tyvec Suit
  - Steel

- **Other Specify:** NITRILE

### Atmospheric Testing

- **Frequency of testing:** 30 hrs/min (Testing shall be done at a frequency of 30 hrs/min. Initial testing shall be done for reclassification to non-permit required conditions.)
Atmospheric Testing Procedures

1. Follow the test equipment operating instructions.
2. Verify equipment is accurate with cal gas.
3. Shut off Ventilation before testing the atmosphere.
4. Test the atmosphere at the bottom, top, and middle of all spaces.
5. Continuously monitor the atmosphere during work in the space.
6. If you ever leave the space, re-test atmosphere before re-entry.
4. Test the air
Document it
Permit Required?
Re-classify?

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Tester Signature: [Signature]

Will this be a permit-required confined space entry? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Name(s) of Authorized Entrants
1) JOHN SMITH
Plan: to Ventilate the Confined Space

Describe your mechanical or natural ventilation procedures.

- Point mechanical ventilation away from personnel, ignition sources, etc.
- Don’t create additional hazards.
- Bond mechanical ventilators to the space.
Use your Specific Written LOTO Procedures to Isolate.

• Describe procedures to isolate, disconnect equipment, and to Lockout.
• Disconnect and lock out mechanical, electrical, or heat-producing equipment.
• Include any pumps that pull fluid from, or pump fluid into the space.
• And your gas supply.
• Who is trained to do LOTO?
Purge or **Clean** the Space.

Will the confined space be purged?
- Purging with inert gas or oxygen is discouraged, increases your hazards.
- If the space must be purged, describe the procedures.

Indicate your cleaning methods.
- Name chemical cleaners and describe method of use.
- How do you remove them from your space.
- How do you test to confirm the remaining residue is safe?
- Consult your Safety Data Sheets prior to use.
- Hang a bottle of Eye Wash in the manway, in case you need it.
Imploded Grundy: compatibility of chemicals in the space

Check compatibility of your chemical with other contents of the space.

If in doubt, WHO WILL YOU ASK?

If steam is used, bond the hose to the space.
Plan the Cleaning Procedures you need

Cleaning Procedures

If you have to enter and clean to achieve clean atmosphere:

1. All entrants must be equipped with an SCBA.
2. All entrants must be equipped with designated safety equipment.
3. Consider all other specialty equipment, like non-sparking tools.
4. Training on all these must be completed successfully.
5.

Name Entrants

Are they still inside?

Name Hole Watch

Firewatch?

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Name(s) of Attendant(s): **NONE REQUIRED**

Name(s) of Firewatch: **NONE REQUIRED**

This permit is Approved for **3** Hour(s) on this date __/__/_____.

* The Confined Space Permit start time shall be the same as the initial test time.
Conduct Pre-Entry Briefing

Brief everyone involved on details of the entry plan. Brief no more than one day before entry.

You can use your base plan over and over, unless something is different. Just Explain what’s different.

Explain the steps to place the space back into service.

Just before entry, review the rescue plan that is posted at the space.
Rescue Procedures

In event of an emergency, the attendant will:

1. Immediately summon the **RESCUE RESPONSE TEAM** by radio or telephone. (Dial 911??)
2. Attempt to remove the victim with the retrieval line from outside the space, unless it creates additional hazards for the entrant or the attendant.
3. If the attendant is able to remove the victim with the retrieval line, administer aid.
4. If the attendant is unable to remove victim by the retrieval line, they must wait for help.
5. The attendant is not to enter the confined space for any reason.
6. **MEET AND GREET!**
7. Your job is to **guide Responders** directly to the victim As Quickly As Possible.
8. Provide Responders the information they need.
Beginning the Entry

- Prevent unauthorized entry with warning signs, barriers.
- Stage tools, safety equipment, gas testers, etc.,
- Isolate & LO/TO all mechanical and/or electrical hazards.
- Purge or ventilate til air in the space is clean.
- Shut off ventilation before testing the atmosphere.
Test Atmosphere

- NO MORE THAN 30 minutes before entry.
  - Oxygen from 19.5% to 23.5% continue preparation.
  - Otherwise, ventilate longer.
  - Shut off ventilation and re-test oxygen.
  - Follow same steps for LEL, and other gases.
  - OR, continue ventilation til clean.
The Entry

Entry supervisor gathers all personnel,
• Reviews rescue procedures,
• Provides any additional necessary information,
• Then completes and signs the permit

Notify everyone who needs to know that entry is commencing.
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<td>And has it ended?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Don’t stop there; How long does it take to ventilate the space?</td>
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**Special Requirements:**
- Clear mists from CIP before testing atmosphere.
- Allow tank surface to cool.
- Drain and rinse all cleaner and sanitizer residues.

- Pre-entry review completed with all personnel.
- Applicable MSDS(s) discussed and attached to the permit.

• Sign in on the permit every time you enter.
• Perform your work.
• Maintain communication with your attendant.
• When work is finished, make sure to remove everything you took in.
• Leave!
• And sign out every time you exit.
• Close the manway, or barricade it from unauthorized entry.
• Tell everyone the entry is over.
• Make sure your permits are filed for documentation.
Thank You!

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