



Non-Permit Confined Spaces

1. A permit space can be deemed a non-permit space if the following criteria are met:
 - a. You can demonstrate that the only hazard posed by the permit space is an actual or potential hazardous atmosphere.
 - b. You can demonstrate that continuous forced air ventilation alone is sufficient to maintain that permit space safe for entry.
 - c. You develop monitoring and inspection data that support the requirements under the general requirements.
2. Entrance area shall be inspected and all unsafe conditions eliminated.
3. If applicable, the opening of the space shall be guarded in a way to prevent an accidental fall and to protect the person working in the space for objects that may fall into the space.
4. The internal atmosphere shall be tested with a calibrated direct-reading instrument for the following:
 - a. Oxygen content between 19.5% and 23.5%.
 - b. Flammable gases and vapors: not more than 10% of the Lower Flammable Limit (LFL).
 - c. Potential toxic air contaminants: below permissible exposure limit (PEL) published for the specific contaminant.
5. Continuous forced air ventilation shall be from a clean source and continue until all personnel have left the space.
6. The atmosphere within the space shall be periodically tested to ensure that the continuous forced air ventilation is preventing accumulation of a hazardous atmosphere.
7. A written certificate shall be prepared, signed, and contain the following information at a minimum:
 - a. Date of entry.
 - b. Location of space.
 - c. Instrument readings of the confined space atmosphere.