



Risk Management & Safety
Safety Standard Change Notification
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This sheet highlights significant changes to safety standards and provides direction to UNLV departments and colleges on how they are affected by these changes.

Title: Confined Spaces in Construction, 1926, Subpart AA Effective Date: August 3, 2015

Subject Area: Safe Entry into Confined Spaces during Construction Activities.

Summary of Changes:

1. More detailed provisions requiring coordinated activities when there are multiple employers at the worksite. This will ensure hazards are not introduced into a confined space by workers performing tasks outside the space.
2. Requiring a competent person to evaluate the work site and identify confined spaces, including permit spaces.
3. Requiring continuous atmospheric monitoring (whenever possible) and continuous monitoring of engulfment hazards.
4. Allows for the suspension of a permit, instead of cancellation, in the event of changes from the entry conditions list on the permit or an unexpected event requires evacuation of the space. The space must be returned to the entry conditions listed on the permit before re-entry.

Impact of Changes:

Contract managers and supervisors/managers of UNLV employees who perform construction confined space entry should:

1. Have an awareness of this standard and when it applies to projects they oversee.
2. Have an understanding of the Entry Employer, Controlling Contractor and Host Employer responsibilities.
3. Ensure a competent person has been designated, assigned to the job to evaluate the worksite and ensure all monitoring takes place.
4. Ensure the communication of hazard information to those performing work in confined spaces and methods of protection.