

**CONFINED SPACE NAME:** 

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LOCATION:

Sanitary & Storm Sewer Manholes N/A City Wide (over 1800)

DATE:

HA#

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# **Confined Space?**

YES

YES ⊠ NO □	Enclosed or partially enclosed?	
YES ⊠ NO □	Limited or restricted entry/exit?	
YES NO	Intended for continuous human occupancy?	
YES ⊠ NO □	Large enough that a worker can enter?	



### SPACE INFORMATION/DETAILS (IN OPERATION):

#### SPACE DESCRIPTION:

Below ground vertical cylindrical shaped storm/sanitary sewer manhole (storm and sanitary sewers exist separately). Access point for maintenance of the sewer system. No combined sewers (sanitary and storm sewers physically together) exist in the city's system.

#### **CONTENTS:**

Raw sewage, wastewater, street surface water run-off and debris (e.g., sticks, leaves)

Equipment: None

### PROCESS/FUNCTION/USE DESCRIPTION:

Distributes water, wastewater and sewage through city's sewer system.

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Cylindrical shaped manholes

**DIMENSIONS:** Approximate range (feet - 'ft'):

5 ft to 20 ft (D) x 3.5 ft Ø

**VOLUME**: Approximate range:

48 ft<sup>3</sup> to 192 ft<sup>3</sup>

Precast or poured concrete (approximately one or two may be constructed of PVC)

**ENTRY CHARACTERISTICS: Sleeve** 

**LOCATIONS**: 1 – at grade

SPACE MATERIAL:

SIZE:

24 inch (") Ø

**SECURING MECHANISM:** Gravity ADJACENT VESSELS/SPACES/PIPING:

NAME OF SPACE/PIPE CONTENTS

Inlet (8" Ø average) Raw sewage/wastewater/surface water Outlet (8" Ø average) Raw sewage/wastewater/surface water **TEMPERATURE** 

**PRESSURE** 

No concern No concern No concern No concern

#### **SCOPE OF WORK:**

This Hazard Assessment (HA) refers to entry for the purpose of inspection (mostly from the outside of the space) and manual removal of objects (such as branches) or removal of objects with a sucker truck from outside the space. Minor rare repairs include removing and replacing damaged fixed ladder rungs (short duration task), which involves cutting steel ladder rungs with an angle grinder, drilling holes (one inch) with an electric powered-drill (e.g., Hilti-type drill) and pressure fitting new ladder rungs into the drilled-holes with an impact device (e.g., impact driver).

Hot work and other atmospheric contaminant generating activities are not included in this Hazard Assessment.

**HAZARDOUS** ATMOSPHERIC RATING (LOW, MOD. HIGH)

Moderate

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	Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> ) Deficiency	Yes Possible for closed up space prior to entry.	No	Monitoring for O <sub>2</sub> . Continuous ventilation during entry.
	O <sub>2</sub> Enrichment	No	No	
ATMOSPHERE	Chemical	Yes Potential for hydrogen sulphide (H <sub>2</sub> S) and methane to be present in spaces and carbon monoxide (CO) from adjacent vehicular traffic.	Yes  Drilling - silica dust:  If required (rare), short duration drilling tasks (drilling 1 inch holes) for ladder repair will potentially present minor exposures to silica and dust.  Grinding - metallic dust:  If required (rare), short duration grinding tasks of grinding carbon steel ladder rungs with angle grinders will potentially present minor exposures to metallic dusts. MSDSs for grinding wheels typically contain metals.	Monitoring for H <sub>2</sub> S, methane and CO. Continuous ventilation during entry.  General PPE: Coveralls, safety boots, work gloves, hard hat and safety glasses with side shields.  For sanitary sewers, disposable Tyvek coveralls and disposable nitrile gloves are recommended.  Drilling & Grinding PPE: General PPE, full face shield (grinding only), hearing protection and disposable dust mask (e.g., N95 type). If multiple ladder rungs are required to be repaired, a half face respirator with P100 cartridges is required.  Note: respirator requirements are recommended in the absence of space-specific exposure monitoring data.
ATM	Biological	Yes  Vermin (rats, mice or their excrement) may be present. For storm sewers, bacteria/fungi/sludge is possible in spaces that are wet or are not opened for prolonged periods.  For sanitary sewers, the presence of pathogenic bacteria and sludge are possible in spaces at all times.  Needles/sharps (potentially containing bodily fluids) may be present.  Raw sewage passes through the sanitary manholes.	No	For storm sewer entry, rinse space prior to entry if space contains large amounts of bacteria/fungi/sludge and wear <b>General PPE</b> .  For sanitary sewer entry, rinse space prior to entry and wear <b>General PPE</b> (disposable Tyvek coveralls and disposable nitrile gloves are recommended).  Remove objects from outside the space at all times with sucker truck, if feasible.
	Fire/Explosion	Yes Potential for combustion gases (methane) or volatile chemical substances to be present emitted from wastewater or from accidental/illicit dumping.	No	Monitoring for LEL. Continuous ventilation during entry.

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	Structural Hazard	No	No	
	Engulfment	Yes Potential if the outlet were to become plugged during entry (sanitary and storm) or during/following high rain fall (storm).	No	Entry Supervisor to evaluate liquid level prior to entry. Entry prohibited if the flow level is surcharging and when significant precipitation is forecasted in the catchment area during entry.  Harness and lifeline must remain connected during entry.
	Entrapment	No	No	
	Electrical	No	Yes Electrical powered tools required (drills, impact drivers, grinders).	GFCI for power cords and electrical equipment (drills, impact drivers, grinders) is required.
	Access/Egress	No	No	
SAFETY	Fall	Yes Fixed ladders present.	Yes May require working on fixed or portable ladder at heights (i.e., ladder rung repair).	Fixed ladder or portable ladder required. Maintain 3 points of contact on the ladder at all times.  Use caution upon initial entry (inspect fixed ladder condition). Portable ladders may substitute fixed ladders where manhole opening permits usage.  Fall protection required when climbing up and down ladders. Lifeline attached at all times.
	Slip/Trip	Yes Interior of space, ladder rungs and floor surface may be wet and slippery.	Yes Work tasks may involve manually removing large branches which may pose a tripping hazard.	Wear <b>General PPE</b> (safety boots) and work with care.
	Visibility/Light Level	Yes Insufficient lighting	No	Portable lighting (flashlight or portable light with GFCI) required.
	Baffles/Internal Arrangement	No	No	
	Floor Openings in Space	No	No	
;AL	Noise/Vibration	No	Yes Grinding/impact driver tasks may be required	Hearing protection required (wear Drilling & Grinding PPE).
PHYSICAL	Temperature	Yes Entry into space may occur during hot/cold weather conditions (spaces are located outside).	<b>Yes</b> Surfaces are immediately hot after cutting ladder rungs with grinder.	Wear <b>General PPE</b> and dress appropriate for outside weather conditions.  Provide heat stress awareness sessions to work crews if working

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				during hot summer days.
				Wear work gloves ( <b>General PPE</b> ) and work with care.
	Non/lonizing Radiation	No	No	
	Laser	No	No	
	Ingestion/Skin Contact Hazard	Yes Contact with raw sewage/wastewater may occur in spaces.	No	Work with care and wear <b>General PPE</b> . Rinse space prior to entry if space contains large amounts of bacteria/fungi/sludge material.  Practice good personal hygiene and wash hands thoroughly prior to break and at end of work shift.
RS	Mechanical Hazard	No	No	
OTHERS	Traffic Hazard	Yes Manholes exist at street locations	No	Entrance to space must be physically isolated from vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Standby person or designated road-traffic crew must monitor traffic in the area.
	Hydraulic/ Pneumatic Hazard	<b>Yes</b> Potential for water pressure to build up inside manhole piping.	No	Entry Supervisor to evaluate liquid level prior to entry. Entry prohibited if the flow level is surcharging and when significant precipitation is forecasted in the catchment area during entry.

CONTROL MEASURES REQUIRED:	
<b>Confined Space Permit:</b>	Yes
Atmospheric Testing:	Gas monitor with sensors for O <sub>2</sub> , LEL, CO & H <sub>2</sub> S. Monitor for methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ) with LEL sensor.
Ventilation Requirements:	Provide mechanical ventilation (minimum 64 CFM) through the opening. Minimum ventilation requirements are based on achieving 20 air changes per hour. The atmosphere inside the space will be controlled through air pressurization achieved by providing increased mechanical ventilation (over-ventilating the space).
PPE Requirements:	General PPE: Coveralls, safety boots, work gloves, hard hat and safety glasses with side shields.  For sanitary sewers, disposable Tyvek coveralls and disposable nitrile gloves are recommended.  Drilling & Grinding PPE: General PPE, full face shield (grinding only), hearing protection and disposable dust mask (e.g., N95 type). If multiple ladder rungs are required to be repaired, a half face respirator with P100 cartridges is required. Note: respirator requirements are recommended in the absence of space-specific exposure monitoring data.
Lockout/Isolation:	Isolation is not possible. Entry Supervisor to evaluate liquid level prior to entry. Entry prohibited if the flow level is surcharging and when significant precipitation is forecasted in the catchment area during entry.
Standby Person:	Yes, at or near entrance.
Communication Procedures:	Radio, voice

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Rescue Procedures:	Standby person calls 911 and calls Entry Supervisor. Entry Supervisor will respond to scene.  Self rescue (if possible) or removal by Standby Person (from outside space) using winch.
Required Rescue and Safety Equipment	Two-way radio, cellular telephone, harness (must be worn), tripod, winch, lifeline (attached at all times).
Other:	For storm sewer entry, rinse space prior to entry if space contains large amounts of bacteria/fungi/sludge and wear General PPE.  For sanitary sewer entry, rinse space prior to entry and wear General PPE (disposable Tyvek coveralls and disposable nitrile gloves are recommended).  Remove objects from outside the space at all times with sucker truck, if feasible.  Harness and lifeline must remain connected during entry.  GFCI for power cords and electrical equipment (drills, impact drivers, grinders) is required.  Fixed ladder or portable ladder required. Maintain 3 points of contact on the ladder at all times. Use caution upon initial entry (inspect fixed ladder condition). Portable ladders may substitute fixed ladders where manhole opening permits usage. Fall protection required when climbing up and down ladders. Lifeline attached at all times.  Portable lighting (flashlight or portable light with GFCI) required.  Wear General PPE and dress appropriate for outside weather conditions.  Provide heat stress awareness sessions to work crews if working during hot summer days.  Practice good personal hygiene and wash hands thoroughly prior to break and at end of work shift.  Entrance to space must be physically isolated from vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Standby person or designated roal traffic crew must monitor traffic in the area.

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