

CONFINED SPACE NAME:Sumps (storm and sanitary)

ID # N/A Library (2), Gerry Brewer Building (2), Fire Hall (2)

EP#

DATE: November 2012

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HAZARDOUS ATMOSPHERIC RATING:

Moderate

SCOPE OF WORK (From Hazard Assessment)

This Hazard Assessment (HA) refers to entry for the purpose of inspection (e.g., inspection of check valves and isolation valves). The majority of the work will be conducted from outside the space and includes removal of objects (debris, leaves) with a sucker truck (if required) and periodic maintenance of pumps with manual tools – the pumps are removed from the space via the chain and guard rails.

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

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL HAZARDS					
	Hazards	Undisturbed Space	Work Tasks	Additional Comments	
ш	Oxygen (O ₂) Deficiency	Yes	No	See Hazard Assessment for additional	
ATMOSPHERE	O ₂ Enrichment	No	No	details.	
SP	Chemical	Yes	No		
IMO	Biological Hazards	Yes	No		
⋖	Fire/Explosion	Yes	No		
	Structural	No	No		
	Engulfment	Yes	No		
SC	Entrapment	No	No		
ARE	Electrical	Yes	No		
SAFETY HAZARDS	Access/egress	Yes	No		
Įέ	Fall	No	No		
E	Slip/Trip	Yes	No		
S	Visibility/Light Level	Yes	No		
	Baffles/internal arrangement	Yes	No		
	Floor openings in space	No	No		
٦,,	Noise/Vibration	No	No		
PHYSICAL AGENTS	Temperature	No	No		
14S	Non/Ionizing Radiation	No	No		
₫	Laser	No	No		
(0	Ingestion/Skin Contact	Yes	No		
OTHERS	Mechanical	No	No		
	Traffic Hazard	Yes	No		
	Hydraulic/ Pneumatic	No	No		

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Prior to Entry					
Equipment Required	1.	Pick up gas detector (with pump). Gas detector must be bump tested and/or calibrated prior to use and have the following sensors: output ou			
		 Blower with a minimum of 50 CFM Two-way radio and/or cellular telephone (for Standby Person and Entry Supervisor) Sucker truck/vacuum truck Portable lighting (flashlight or portable lighting with GFCI) Portable ladder Primary barriers/pylons 			
	2.	General PPE: Coveralls Safety boots Work gloves Hard hat Safety glasses with side shields For sanitary sumps, disposable Tyvek coveralls and disposable nitrile gloves are recommended.			
	3.	Rescue equipment: Harness (worn) Lifeline (attached at all times)			
Entry Permit/Gas	4.	Complete and post the Confined Space Entry Permit at the entrance. (NOTE: Update the Permit accordingly.)			
Testing Log	5.	Entry Supervisor to sign Confined Space Entry Permit once all equipment is ready to be installed and observe initial entry.			
Space Preparation	6.	Erect primary barriers around opening to the space to isolate space from vehicular and pedestrian traffic.			
	7.	If required (storm sump entry), rinse space prior to entry if space contains large amounts of bacteria/fungi/sludge. For sanitary sump entry rinse space prior to entry. Remove water and objects (debris, leaves) from outside the space with sucker truck.			

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Pre-Work Coordination	8.	Entry Supervisor to evaluate liquid level prior to entry. Entry prohibited if the flow level is surcharging (the flow level must be stabilized or receding in order to enter) and entry prohibited when significant precipitation is forecasted in the catchment area during entry.
	9.	Inspect all equipment for damage before use. Remove damaged equipment from service.
	10.	Portable ladder required to be set-up.
	11.	Standby and Entry Supervisor must have a two-way radio and/or cellular telephone.
	12.	Standby must have training in monitoring duties, initiating emergency response, operation of retrieval equipment and removal of injured victims using this equipment.
	13.	Rescue personnel must have training in first aid and CPR.
	14.	Rescue equipment must be available and worn at all times (harness, lifeline).
Isolation and Lockout	15.	Electrical source (pumps/electrical switches) must be locked out
Lockout		 Follow space specific lockout document. Document must be available on-site prior to work.
		Isolation of the space 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.
Gas Testing	16.	Persons calibrating/bump testing and operating the instrument must have appropriate training.
	17.	Test the atmosphere no more than 20 minutes prior to entry; continuously during entry and if the space is left vacant for more than 20 minutes. Record the results on the Confined Space Entry Permit every 20 minutes.
	18.	Measure gas concentrations at the top, middle and bottom of the space (using pump and tubing). Remember there is a delay in response as air is pumped into the instrument (approx. 1 sec per foot) and there is additional sensor response time.
	19.	Allowable gas concentrations (before and during entry):
		Entry and work in the space can occur only if the following conditions are met:
		• O ₂ : 19.5 – 23 %
		LEL: ≤ 2 % (since methane is a concern)
		 CO: ≤ 25 ppm H₂S: ≤ 10 ppm
		If these criteria cannot be met then the space must be evacuated. NOTE: The space cannot be re-entered until levels are brought within the acceptable concentrations listed above (adjust ventilation, re-calibrate gas tester etc.).

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		If the problem persists contact Entry Supervisor for further instructions, see Entry Permit.
	20.	The entrant must wear the atmospheric testing instrument.
Ventilation	21.	Set up blower (minimum 50 cfm) with duct through the entrance hole discharging at approx. 2 feet from bottom of the space. Air intake of blower must be positioned away from and upwind from any nearby combustion exhaust. Minimum ventilation requirements are based on achieving 20 air changes per hour.
		Ducting may be temporarily removed to allow entrant access – replace ducting inside space immediately after entry.
	22.	Ventilation must be operating for 20 minutes prior to entry to allow 'clean respirable air' to circulate throughout the space.
		During Entry
Gas Testing	23.	Continuous monitoring required – as above.
	24.	Record the gas testing results on the Confined Space Entry Permit at least every 20 minutes.
Ventilation	25.	Ventilation must be running during the entire entry.
		Ducting may be temporarily removed to allow entrant from exiting/entering– replace ducting inside space immediately after exiting/entering.
Standby Person	26.	Standby person must remain at or near the entrance to the space during the entry.
	27.	Standby person must monitor traffic in the area.
	28.	Standby person must monitor the flow for debris and for water levels above the stated threshold values.
	29.	Standby must order the evacuation of the confined space if an alarm sounds.
Personal	30.	All entrants must wear General PPE (see equipment required list above).
Protective Equipment (PPE)	31.	Harness must be worn and lifeline attached at all times during entry.
Task/Additional Requirements	32.	Portable lighting (flashlight or portable light with GFCI) required.
Rescue Plan	33.	To activate the emergency response, Standby Person contacts 911 if first aid is required.
	34.	Standby Person contacts the Entry Supervisor using radio/cell phone and advises them of the situation and Entry Supervisor will respond to the scene.

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	35.	Ventilation can be removed temporarily to allow extraction from space since there is only one entry point.		
	36.	Self-rescue if possible		
	37.	If self-rescue is not possible:		
		Lifeline attached: • Standby Person removes person from space using lifeline and winch.		
After Entry Has Been Completed				
Gas Testing	38.	After the entry, record the peak, TWA, STEL, occurrence of alarms on the Confined Space Entry Permit.		
	39.	Entry Supervisor to return the completed Confined Space Entry Permit to the Confined Space Program Administrator for filing (must be kept for 1 year).		
Work Coordination	40.	Ensure all entrants and tools have been removed from the space and secure the opening.		
Equipment	41.	Return all equipment to its proper location.		
	42.	Return gas detector to the storage location.		

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