

This procedure is developed to ensure that all appropriate steps have been taken to assure safe entry into confined spaces. It is the responsibility of the Entry Supervisor and Entrant to review this checklist and procedure prior to entering any space. The Entry Supervisor is also responsible for ensuring that all possible steps have been taken to control or eliminate identified hazards prior to entry

**Type III** spaces have known, identified hazards within the space itself (shape, size, configuration or means of egress). Type III spaces may also be listed where mechanical equipment is introduced into the space (i.e. augers, sweeps or other material handling devices) that requires the entrant and attendant to discuss the role of each individual. Depending on certain stable factors, entry into Type III spaces may require certain levels of PPE. Hot work, chemicals or other hazardous processes will reclassify this space as a Type II space.

Entry permits are not necessary if the Supervisor who would normally sign the permit is present during the entire entry.

- Authorized entrant(s)
- Attendant
- Entry supervisor (*The entry supervisor may also be the attendant*)
- Rescue personnel (*if work in space creates opportunity for hazardous conditions within the space*)
  
- The entrant and attendant must know the task that needs completed and the hazards associated with the permit space and their effects:
  - Atmospheric hazards associated with decay of organic materials
  - Lack of natural ventilation within the space during entry
  - Opportunity for entanglement
  - Generation of hazardous atmosphere due to nature of work within space
  - Monitoring work around operating equipment to ensure that established protective distances from machinery hazards are not breached
  
- Properly use the equipment required for entry.
  - Atmospheric monitoring prior to entry if deemed that atmospheric conditions warrant
  - Continuous, forced air ventilation to reduce dust emissions if work tasks generate airborne particulate
  - Full-body harness, and all rescue and retrieval equipment (*if working in areas where non-entry rescue may be warranted*)
  
- Maintain a continuous means of communication.
  - Attendant and entrant shall be in visual, verbal or electronic means of communication with entrant
  - Attendant shall shut down all machinery and terminate entry at any time the entrants are at risk for injury, exposure or entanglement by breaching the established protective distance



**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY PRIMELAND EMPLOYEES ENTER A CONFINED SPACE CONTAINING:**

- **Unknown hazards inside the space without prior consulting with the Location Manager or Safety and Compliance Manager**
- **Known Engulfment hazard where engulfment would be greater than waist-high without the use of rescue and retrieval equipment**
- **Grain “bridging” conditions that could collapse and trap or engulf the entrant**
- **“Walking” grain down from an elevated position without the use of rescue and retrieval equipment**
- **Machinery operating in the space in an unsafe condition (not properly guarded, no attendant to shut machine down in an emergency)**