CONFINED SPACES CAN BE DEADLY SPACES.
An effective confined space program protects people working in and around confined spaces.

UNDERSTAND YOUR SPACES
Assessing a space to determine if it is a confined space, and if it may contain hazards, is the first step to determining requirements and precautions.

SAFE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Entry requirements will vary based on the hazards and controls. It is important to understand your entry options and the requirements:
- Non-Permit Required Confined Space Entry
- Temporary Reclassification
- Alternate Entry Procedures
- Permit-Required Confined Space Entry

ENTRY PLANNING
Pre-entry requirements can include:
- Documentation/Permit
- Hazard Isolation and Lockout
- Managing Engulfment Hazards
- Air Monitoring
- Attendant
- Communication
- Rescue Plan

HAZARD ELIMINATION
Eliminating hazards from a permit-required confined space can reduce the risk to the entrants, and also simplify entry and rescue procedures. When feasible, isolate and lockout/tagout potential hazards sources such as pumps, valves and mechanical equipment.
**CONFINED SPACES IN CONSTRUCTION**

**NEW OSHA STANDARD**
The new OSHA standard for Confined Spaces in Construction is effective August 2015.

**SAFE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
The construction confined space requirements and definitions are similar to the general industry standard, and vary based on the hazards and controls. Entry options include:
- Non-Permit Required Confined Space Entry
- Temporary Reclassification
- Alternate Entry Procedures
- Permit-Required Confined Space Entry

**MULTIPLE CONTRACTORS**
When multiple contractors are working on-site a single “controlling contractor” must be established to coordinate confined space activities.

**FACILITY OWNERS AND OPERATORS**
As a facility owner or operator you **have a required and important role** as a “Host Employer” to share information with contractors on your permit-required confined spaces.

**HOST EMPLOYER INFORMATION**
As the host employer you must provide information to contractors on permit required confined spaces. It is important to adhere to the OSHA evaluation criteria and two steps in the evaluation process:
- Evaluate the characteristic of a space to determine if it is a confined space
- Evaluate the hazards to determine if a confined space is a permit-required confined space

**Resources**
- The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) – www.OSHA.gov