

State of Connecticut
Regulation of
Department of Labor
Concerning
Confined Spaces In Construction

Section 1. Sec. 31-372-107-1926 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended by adding the following:

Section 31-372-107-1926. Safety and Health Regulations for Construction

Standard			Fed. Reg.
Affected	Subject	Date	Action
Subpart C	Authority	5/4/15	Amended
Subpart V			
1926.953	Enclosed spaces.	5/4/15	Amended
1926.968	Definitions.	5/4/15	Amended
Subpart AA			
1926.1200		5/4/15	Reserved
1926.1201	Scope.	5/4/15	New
1926.1202	Definitions.	5/4/15	New
1926.1203	General requirements.	5/4/15	New

1926.1204	Permit-required confined space program.	5/4/15	New
1926.1205	Permitting process.	5/4/15	New
1926.1206	Entry permit.	5/4/15	New
1926.1207	Training.	5/4/15	New
1926.1208	Duties of authorized entrants.	5/4/15	New
1926.1209	Duties of attendants.	5/4/15	New
1926.1210	Duties of entry supervisors.	5/4/15	New
1926.1211	Rescue and emergency services.	5/4/15	New
1926.1212	Employee participation.	5/4/15	New
1926.1213	Provision of documents to Secretary.	5/4/15	New

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Statement of Purpose

Statement of Purpose: The adoption by reference of these revisions to the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Standards will serve to update Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Standards in accordance with Section 31-372 of the Connecticut General Statutes. On May 4, 2015, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published notification of its additions to the Construction standards, which will be effective in private sector general industry employment on August 3, 2015.

Conn. Gen. Stat. 31-372 requires, as an element of Connecticut's approved Public Sector-Only State Plan, that the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Division (CONN-OSHA) adopt all occupational health and safety standards, amendments or changes adopted or recognized by the United States Secretary of Labor under the authority of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

These revisions add a new subpart to the standard in order to provide protections to employees working in confined spaces in construction. The new subpart replaces OSHA's one training requirement for confined space work with a comprehensive standard that includes a permit program designed to protect employees from exposure to many hazards associated with work in confined spaces, including atmospheric and physical hazards. It is similar in content and organization to the general industry confined spaces standard, but also incorporates several provisions from the proposed rule to address construction-specific hazards, accounts for advancements in technology, and improves enforceability of the requirement.