

Chapter 14

Confined Space Program Requirements

1. Purpose. To prescribe policy and procedures applicable to the entry and work in spaces designated as "confined" or "enclosed" as defined in reference (d). To inform personnel engaged in enclosed or confined space operations of the hazards and precautions associated with such operations. To establish specific authority and responsibility for those delegated to administer the confined space program.

2. Scope. Conduct the confined space program operations per reference (d). Conduct aviation gas free engineering per reference (n). This section provides information and guidance for confined space operations aboard MCAS Cherry Point and outlying areas. It is not inclusive and does not contain all conceivable operations and conditions that may be encountered. Therefore, it is essential that personnel engaged in confined space operations clearly understand the intent and fundamental concepts of this instruction.

3. Policy. This section pertains to military, civilian, and contractors operating aboard MCAS Cherry Point. Guidance and requirements stated herein shall be applied to the maximum extent possible under the direct control and supervision of the designated Confined Space Program Manager (CSPM) for MCAS Cherry Point. Entry into confined, closed, or enclosed spaces is prohibited until the space has been tested and determined to be safe. All permit-required confined space procedures contained in references (d) and (g) shall be followed by all Marine Corps personnel, tenant commands, and contract personnel as per paragraph 1400I(2) of reference (g). A CSPM or a Competent Person will authorize entry into a confined space (see para 4.c for definition).

4. Responsibilities. The CSPM is physically located in the Safety Office. Personnel requiring CSPM services (e.g., space testing, treatment, and certification) shall contact the CSPM at 252-466-7542. These responsibilities may be delegated to the Assistant Confined Space Program Manager (ACSPM) at 252-466-4090.

a. Except as outlined in paragraph 1004.1 of reference (g), personnel assigned to other commands or activities must also meet the qualifications and training requirements of this Order.

b. Contractors and other non-DoD agencies shall implement their own Confined Space Entry Program that meets all pertinent OSHA standards and installation regulations and procedures. Competent personnel must be assigned in writing.

c. Note: An OSHA "Competent Person" is defined as one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.