

WAC 296-809-50006 Keep and review your entry permits. (1) You must review your program and entry operations when measures taken under your permit-required confined space entry program may not protect employees. Review your program as necessary to correct deficiencies before allowing subsequent entries.¹

(2) You must keep the canceled entry permits for at least one year to facilitate the review of the permit-required confined space program. Use the canceled entry permits within one year following each entry to review and evaluate both your program and the protection provided to employees entering permit-required confined spaces.² Update your written permit-required confined space entry programs as necessary to correct deficiencies before allowing subsequent entries.

(3) You must keep entry permits or other atmospheric monitoring records that show the actual atmosphere an employee entered or worked in, as employee exposure records.³

Notes:

¹ Examples of circumstances requiring the review of your program include the following:

- There is unauthorized entry of a permit space.
- A permit space hazard not covered by the permit is found.
- A condition prohibited by the permit occurs.
- An injury or near-miss occurs during entry.
- There is a change in the use or configuration of a permit space.
- An employee complains about the effectiveness of the program.

² Employers may perform a single annual review covering all entries performed during a twelve-month period. If no entry is performed during a twelve-month period, no review is necessary.

³ Keep employee exposure records according to chapter 296-802 WAC, Employee medical and exposure records.

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