Appendix A -- Permit-Required Confined Space Decision Flow Chart Does the workplace contain Confined Spaces as defined by \$5157(b)? Does the workplace contain Permit-required Confined Spaces as defined by \$5157(b)? Consult other applicable Cal OSHA standards Inform employees as required by \$5157(c)(2). Prevent employee entry as required by \$5157(c)(3). Do task from outside of space. Will permit spaces be entered? NO >Task will be done by contractors' employees. Inform contractor as required by \$5157(c)(8)(A), (B) and (C). Contractor obtains information required by \$5157(c)(9)(A), (B) and (C) from host. Will contractors enter? YES-Both contractors and host employees will enter the space? NO> YES Coordinate entry operations as required by \$5157 (c)(8)(D) and (d)(11). Prevent unauthorized entry. Will host employees enter to perform entry tasks? Prevent unauthorized entry. STOP Not a permit-required confined space. \$5157 does not apply. Consult other Cal/OSHA stds. Does space have known or potential hazards? NO-Employer may choose to reclassify space to non-permit required confined space using \$5157(c)(7). Can the hazards be eliminated? YES-STOP Can the space be maintained in a condition safe to enter by continuous forced air ventilation only? YES-> Space may be entered under \$5157(c)(5). STOP Prepare for entry via permit procedures. Permit not valid until conditions meet permit specifications. Verify acceptable entry conditions (Test results recorded, space isolated if needed, rescuers/means to summon available, entrants properly equipped, etc.) YES Emergency exists (prohibited condition). Entrants evacuated entry aborts. (Call rescuers if needed). Permit is void. Reevaluats program to correct/prevent prohibited condition. Occurrence of emergency (usually) is proof of deficient program. No re-entry until program (and permit) is emended. (May require new program.) Permit issued by authorizing signature. Acceptable entry conditions maintained throughout entry. Entry tasks completed. Permit returned and canceled. Audit permit program and permit based on evaluation of entry by entrants, attendants, testers and preparers, etc. Spaces may have to be evacuated and re-evaluated if hazards arise during entry

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Section 142.3, Labor Code.

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