

CONFINED SPACE

1 INTENT

To ensure the health, safety, and environmental (HSE) risks associated with confined spaces and confined space entry activities are effectively managed, to so far as reasonably practicable.

All Supervisors and Designated leads are responsible for implementation and compliance with this Standard. Contractors must meet or exceed the requirements of this Standard applicable to their work scope

2 REQUIREMENTS

CS Energy and contractors shall ensure processes are implemented and maintained to comply with relevant legislation, Confined Spaces Code of Practice and Permit to Work requirements.

Key requirements include:

- Identify and manage confined space access controls, signage, and register of confined spaces.
- Ensure an approved Permit to Work system is used for all confined space entry.
- Conduct appropriate risk assessments to manage confined space entry, controls implemented (in line with the hierarchy of controls) and the risks managed, to so far as reasonably practicable.
- Personnel who perform confined space work are to be trained and competent to carry out the work.
- Ensure appropriate emergency response capability is in place prior to conducting any confined space work.

3 DEFINITIONS

Confined space is defined as an enclosed or partially enclosed space that:

- is not designed or intended primarily to be occupied by a person; and
- is, or is designed or intended to be, at normal atmospheric pressure while any person is in the space; and
- is or likely to be a risk to health and safety from:
 - an atmosphere that does not have a safe oxygen level, or
 - contaminants, including airborne gases, vapours and dusts, that may cause injury from fire or explosion, or
 - harmful concentrations of any airborne contaminants, or
 - engulfment.

Confined space entry is defined as when a person's head or upper body is within the boundary of the confined space.