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1. Energy Isolation

- **Evaluate Energy Isolation Requirements**: Confirm if the confined space has been evaluated for energy isolation requirements.
- **Complete Energy Isolation Start-Work Check**: If energy isolation is required, complete the Energy Isolation Start-Work Check.
- **Identify and Isolate Energy Sources**: Ensure all potential energy sources are identified, isolated, and locked and tagged per the isolation plan.
- **System Preparation**: Confirm the system has been drained, flushed, or purged to remove explosive materials or gases.

2. Pre-Entry Activities

- **Hazard Identification and Control**: Identify and control hazards before starting work.
- **Gas Testing Frequency**: Establish gas testing frequency and ensure it is done by a Qualified Gas Tester.
- **Ventilation**: Ensure ventilation is in place and working.
- **Attendant and Communication**: Confirm that an attendant is in place, and the method of communication is agreed to and tested prior to entry.
- **Breathing Apparatus**: Ensure the breathing apparatus is in good working condition if required.

3. Rescue Plan

- **Plan Availability**: Ensure a rescue plan is in place and ready to be used.
- **Team Discussion**: Discuss methods of communication with the attendant and rescue team prior to entry.
- **Rescue Equipment**: Ensure rescue equipment is at the job site, and the entrant is wearing rescue equipment per plan.
- **Rescue Crew**: Confirm that the rescue crew is available, aware of specific hazards related to the task, and capable of executing the rescue plan.

4. Start-Work Check

- **Task Risk Assessment**: Complete a task risk assessment specific to the scope of work.
- **Team Briefing**: Discuss hazards with the work team prior to starting work.
  - **Simultaneous Operations**: Check for simultaneous operations that may introduce additional hazards.

5. Gas Testing

- **Initial and Follow-Up Testing**: Ensure initial gas testing and the required follow-up testing are completed before starting work.
- **Testing Results**: Check out testing results and agree on a schedule for follow-up testing before starting work.

6. Ventilation

- **Continuous Ventilation**: Ensure the confined space is continuously ventilated.
- **Mechanical Ventilation**: If using mechanical ventilation, ensure flexible ducting is arranged for continuous airflow in the entire space.
- **Ventilation Inlets**: Ensure ventilation inlets are not near an ignition source and will not draw contaminated air into the space.

7. Attendant Responsibilities

- **Dedicated Attendant**: Ensure that a dedicated attendant is present at the designated entry point(s) to the confined space.
- **Attendant Duties**: The attendant should use previously agreed upon communication methods, monitor personnel in the confined space, document entry and exits, monitor the confined space for changing conditions, and initiate the emergency rescue response if needed.

For clarification on Confined versus Restricted Space entry processes, consult this document or your bp contact for clarification.

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