APPENDIX B: Confined Space Decision Flow Chart

Does the space meet **all** 3 of these requirements: (1) it is large enough for a body to enter, (2) it has a restricted or limited means of entry/egress, and (3) it is not designed for continuous employee occupancy?

- **Yes**
  - It is a confined space.
  - Does the confined space meet **ANY** of the following criteria: (1) contains or has the potential to contain a hazardous atmosphere, (2) contains a material that is an engulfment hazard, (3) internal configuration has inwardly converging walls or downward sloping floors tapering into smaller cross-section, (4) contains any other serious safety or health hazard?
    - **Yes**
      - It is a permit-required confined spaced (PRCS).
      - Can the hazards be eliminated?
      - **Yes**
        - Acceptable entry conditions maintained for entire duration of work in PRCS?
      - **No**
        - Evacuate entrants and cancel permit. Call rescuers if needed
        - Once the prohibited condition is corrected, obtain new permit prior to resuming work in PRCS.
    - **No**
      - Cancel & return permit to EHS, Facilities Management upon completion of work in PRCS.

- **No**
  - It is not a confined space.
  - This policy does not apply.
  - Use non-permit-required confined space procedure to enter this space.

Use alternate entry procedure to enter this space.

Is the only hazard atmospheric and can the space be entered safely using continuous forced air ventilation and air monitoring only?

- **Yes**
  - Use permit procedures for entry: air monitoring, complete permit form with authorized signatures, post permit, & emergency rescue procedures.
- **No**
  - Acceptable entry conditions maintained for entire duration of work in PRCS?
    - **Yes**
      - Prohibited condition exists. Evacuate entrants and cancel permit. Call rescuers if needed
    - **No**
      - Use permit procedures for entry: air monitoring, complete permit form with authorized signatures, post permit, & emergency rescue procedures.