



POSITION PAPER

Confined Space Training Requirements

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ISSUE

Requirements retraining for Confined Spaces

BACKGROUND

The current requirements for Confined Space Training are documented in the Confined Space management procedure. The procedures document the initial training is to be provided by an external trainer which is VTAB accredited. There is no nominated time frame for retraining identified in the procedures as there is no regulatory requirement identified. Following is an extract from The NSW Workcover Confined Space Training position paper:

There is no specific regulatory requirement for retraining. However, the employer has a general obligation to ensure the training is up to date and skills are maintained for the work being done.

POSITION

The plant standard for retraining for Safe Working in a Confined space will now be required to be undertaken every three years. At the end of the three year period recipients will be required to attend a one day refresher course by our nominated external provider. The Confined Space Management Procedure will be amended to reflect this position.

EXPECTATION

Business Units are required to note and communicate the above information.

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