



## AGC Safety & Health Council Confined Space Sub-committee meeting October 8, 2013

### Attendees:

Steve Eversmeyer	Port of Portland
Mary Lou Wilson	Wildish
Bret Taylor	Cascade Shoring
Nathan Taylor	The MEI Group
Mark Tobiasson	Coffman Excavation
Mark Hillyard	Stacy & Witbeck/Mowat Mowat CC
Eliot Lapidus	AGC
David Olson	TCB Industrial
Chris Miller	AGC

### Suggestions to OR-OSHA Confined Space Task Force

- Exceptions:

437-002-0146(2)(a) Remove exception. Full body entry into a pipe in an excavation would be would be confined space entry. Remove clarification in program directive (PD).

- Definitions needed for fixed work place, mobile work place, construction

### Alternate entry

- Remove "you" and add "the employer" back in place of "you" for clarity.
- 437-002-0146(8)(c)(I) Have note referring to 437-002-0146(9)(b)(A)(iii) first-aid CPR certification.
- Add this definition for Self rescue:
  - Self rescue is vital because the entrant is:
    - Conscious and alert.
    - Able to recognize his or her own signs and symptoms.
    - Still physically able to evaluate space more rapidly than waiting for someone else to rescue him or her.
    - Able to alert fellow workers of impending dangers.
    - Not endangering anyone else.

### Add following definitions:

"Blanking or blinding" means the absolute closure of a pipe, line, or duct by the fastening of a solid plate (such as a spectacle blind or a skillet blind) that completely covers the bore and that is capable of withstanding the maximum pressure of the pipe, line, or duct with no leakage beyond the plate.

"Double block and bleed" means the closure of a line, duct, or pipe by closing and locking or tagging two in-line valves and by opening and locking or tagging a drain or vent valve in the line between the two closed valves.