

**State of Alaska
Department of Labor
Division of Labor Standards and Safety**

AKOSH Program Directive 99-02

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To: Distribution List
From: Alan W. Dwyer, Director
Subject: **Notification of Standard Action, Permit-Required Confined Spaces
Revision, Final Rule**

This program directive, PD 99-02 will implement and adopt by reference revisions to the permit-required confined spaces standards, 63 FR 66018-66040, dated December 1, 1998. The federal register is attached and becomes part of this program directive.

On December 1, 1998, OSHA issued a final rule amending the standard on Permit-Required Confined Spaces (permit spaces) (29 CFR 1910.146) to provide for 1) enhanced employee participation in the employer's permit space program; 2) authorized permit space entrants or their authorized representatives with the opportunity to observe any testing or monitoring of permit spaces; and 3) strengthen and clarify the criteria employers must satisfy when preparing for the timely rescue of incapacitated permit space entrants. The revisions will substantially enhance the protections being provided to permit space entrants and will additionally clarify a number of issues that have arisen since the promulgation of the final Permit-Required Confined Spaces rule in 1993.

The final rule adopted by reference in this program becomes effective February 1, 1999. Please ensure that all members of your staff receive this directive and understand how to implement it.

Attachment: Federal Register 63:66018 - Permit-Required Confined Spaces Revisions:
Final Rule

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