Appendix F

Reclassification of a Permit-Required Confined Space to a Non-Permit Required Confined Space

1. If the permit space possesses no actual or potential atmospheric hazards and if all hazards within the space are eliminated without entry into the space, the permit space may be reclassified as a non-permit confined space for as long as the non-atmospheric hazards remain eliminated;

2. If it is necessary to enter the permit space to eliminate the hazards, such entry shall be performed under the permit entry system of this program. If testing and inspection during that entry demonstrate that the hazards within the permit space are eliminated the space may be reclassified as a non-permit confined space for as long as the hazards remain eliminated;

3. The outside attendant is responsible for documenting that all hazards in a permit space have been eliminated by using a certification that contains the date, location of the space, and the signature of the person making the determination. The certification shall be available to each employee entering the space.

4. If hazards arise within a permit space that has been declassified to a non-permit space, each employee in the space shall exit the space. EHS shall then reevaluate the space and determine whether it must be reclassified as a permit space, in accordance with other applicable provisions of this program.