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Dear Mr. Jensen;

Thank you for your letter of March 12, 1998. In your letter you ask for clarification of the posting requirements in the Permit Required Confined Space standard (1910.146). You also ask for clarification on the different classifications of confined spaces.

In Oregon we have adopted the Federal Permit Required Confined Space standard. In it there are two types of confined spaces. Permit required spaces and non-permit required confined spaces. I have included a copy of the rule and a permit required confined space guide to aid you in determining if your spaces are permit required or non-permit required confined spaces.

If the workplace contains permit required confined spaces the employer must inform exposed employees, by posting danger signs or by any other equally effective means, of the existence and location of and the danger posed by the permit spaces. A sign reading "**DANGER-PERMIT-REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE, DO NOT ENTER**" or other similar language would satisfy the posting requirement. The sign should be clearly visible and placed in an area where potential entrants could see the sign. The standard does not contain criteria for size, color, size of letters on the sign, or sign composition. Some of the larger safety supply houses in the area sell these signs. In most cases an 8.5" X 11" sign posted at the opening to the confined space would meet the intent of the rule. I have enclosed some samples of different signs.

For further information contact OR-OSHA, Technical Section at (503)378-3272. You are also invited to see the OR-OSHA pages on the Internet at [www.orosha.org](http://www.orosha.org).

Sincerely,

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