

A Confined Space Forum was held November 25, 2003

The following is a breakdown by Industry Sector of those invited to attend	# invited to attend
Construction	5
Consultant	14
Labour Organizations	8
Municipal Services	14
Pulp & Paper	3
Shipbuilding and Repair	10
Utilities	3
Farming	1
Firefighting	4

The following is a breakdown by Industry Sector of those invited to attend	# invited to attend
Petro-chemical	5
General Manufacturing	4
Wood Products Manufacturing	7
Healthcare	2
Food & Beverage	3
Education	4
Small Bus.	1
Grand Total	88

The purpose of the forum:

1. To gather information from stakeholders with respect to the operational issues they face when complying with Part 9 - Confined Spaces in the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.
2. To identify potential solutions that will facilitate compliance with Part 9.

The attendees were divided into eight groups. Each group's recorder made notes of the group's discussion of five topics chosen by the attendees as follows:

TOPIC #	ISSUE	Includes:	Topic of Choice Submitted by
1	Definition	Confined Space, Qualified Person	17
2	Administration	Hazard Assessment, Work Procedures, Permits	18
3	Safety	Testing, Ventilation, Lockout	35
4	Training	Contractors	12
5	Rescue	Standby person issues	15

Each group's recorder will be e-mailing the recorded notes to the participants in their group for feedback.

On December 12 the information will be gathered and analysis will begin. In March, 2004, a final report documenting the results of the Forum discussion will be posted on the WorkSafe Confined Space Website for public review.