



Evergreen Topics - Confined Spaces

Confined spaces may contain hazardous atmospheres, including insufficient oxygen, toxic (poisonous) air, or an explosive atmosphere. The most common confined space accidents are; Toxic Atmosphere; Flammable Atmosphere or Asphyxiation from oxygen deficiency and a physical injury. There is an average of 100 confined space fatalities each year in workplaces across the United States. Our requirements at Electric Boat requires Supervisors assigning work in confined spaces to ensure that all employees are briefed at the job site prior to commencing work. The briefing will consist of a job hazard analysis, tank posting, and PPE requirements. Supervisors will personally review and understand all confined space posting requirements prior to assigning any one to work in any confined space or on a confined space boundary. Supervisors will ensure employee has read the posting at the job site and verify that they understand the tank posting. (Ask probing questions, e.g. What are the PPE requirements for the tank? Is ventilation operating and is respirator protection required? What are the tank boundaries?)

Supervisors will ensure that ALL employees are briefed regarding the importance of following the tank posting requirements. Specifically emphasize the following:

- Required PPE must be worn as required at all times (ask employees questions with regards to the required PPE.)
- Tank watch or lifeline system must be in place and utilized (ask employees questions with regards to which system is in place.)
- Employees must understand that if they go beyond the plane of the boundary of the tank opening, it is considered an entry into the tank and they are required to be in compliance with the tank posting.

Working on a tank boundary also requires compliance to tank postings.

Ensure employees fully understand the tank posting and what is required prior to work. Ensure employees have successfully demonstrated this by answering all questions asked; then and only then will employees be allowed to work on or in confined spaces. Again, ask the employees if they understand the tank safety requirements. Stress the importance of tank safety and instruct the employee to stop all work if they don't fully understand all instructions.

Supervision needs to understand their roles in tank safety compliance and following policies and procedures. By doing so, this will translate to an effective pre-job brief with our Ship Builders entering tanks. Evergreen topics in industry points out and shares common mistakes and fail points. By doing so, we can understand and learn from shared mistakes. We are hiring at a historic rate with thousands of new Ship Builders entering our gates. Our jobs are to properly communicate and educate our workforce which we must put to work safely that allows them all to be productive throughout the shifts and go home safely. Our ability to keep our Ship Builders safe will allow Electric Boat to support our mission which is to deliver the most sophisticated machine produced in the world which will allow the advantage to our sailors to protect our families with the freedoms we all enjoy.

Blake Laverdiere
Manager of Operations, D915



Continuous Improvement Solution to Your Resolution

In welcoming the new year, many of us have chosen to participate in the age old practice of New Year resolutions. Whether committing to more exercise, eating better, or spending more time with family, the commitment is made to better ourselves and those around us. When it boils down, committing to improve things every year is just an example of continuous improvement.

It is surprising to learn that New Year resolutions are believed to have started in ancient Babylon some 4,000 years ago. It is even more surprising that despite 4,000 years of practice, many studies suggest that only about 20% of resolutions make it past February. It is important to look at some of the reasons why resolutions fail in order to ensure that we are setup for success from the beginning. Often times, resolutions fail because the goal set is overly ambitious or not clear and defined (“I’d like to be healthier” vs. “I’d like to lose 10 lbs.”). Resolutions can also fail when we feel discouraged by slow progress, or overwhelmed with the required efforts. Many of these factors also impact our work environment, and our commitment to improve there as well. Setting *SMART* (*Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Reasonable, Timely*) goals, with a metric to improve, is just one of the many takeaways.

Commit to a change —> Stick with it —> Track progress —> Acknowledge success when you encounter it
—> Recognize that it is a marathon, not a 100 meter sprint.

What is your New Year’s Resolution for your role at EB?

Have a process improvement idea, or simply just want a board to bounce ideas off? Discuss your idea with your Supervisor. If additional resources are required for implementation, your Supervisor can contact Process Engineering.



Self-Care Wellness Break

Beat the Winter Blues!

It’s not uncommon to feel down during the months where there is less sunlight and colder weather. A healthy lifestyle can support positive mental health until spring comes again!

Invite your Health Promotion Specialist, Don Black, out to your team for a 15-minute wellness break to learn about SAD, some self-care tips to feel your best this winter, and how to join Optum’s [Self-Care Bingo Challenge](#). Participate any time during the month of February/March.



All Self-Care Bingo Challenge participants will be entered into a raffle to win a \$100-value self-care package!

To schedule a wellness break and/or sign up for the challenge, call or email:

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952-205-6067

Accessing OWL Training Modules

Operations Work List (OWL) is an Operations Management tool where Operations Supervisors and Foreman plan and assign work. It provides them the ability to create weekly plans and daily goals for their teams and offers a one-stop-shop combining various business systems [such as ATA, Electronic Work Package (EWP), ApplCore, etc.] into one web-based application.



OWL TRAINING

Did you know that OWL training modules are available directly within the OWL application to help you successfully navigate and use the various functions of the tool? Modules can be accessed and reviewed at any time.

Feel like you could benefit from a refresher?

Visit the **Training Information** page on the **Build Authority and Deckplate Assistance Resource Site** to find step-by-step guidance on how to access the training modules.

OPERATIONS WORK LIST (OWL) HELP
Streamlining an Operations Supervisor's process for planning and assigning weekly and daily work goals
Designed by Operations Supervisors for Operations Supervisors

OWL How-To User Guide	Main Screen Video	Weekly Plan Screen Video	Manage Assignments Screen Video	Daily Shift Plan Screen Video	Reports Screen Video	Weekly Estimates/CP Estimates Video
Fall 2020 Enhancements Video	Daily Shift Plan Goals Video	Spring 2021 Enhancements Video	Summer 2021 Enhancements Video	Attainment Report Video	Winter 2021 Enhancements Video	Loading World View Video



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For non-urgent matters, submit a **DARTS Support Request (DSR)** to request assistance

For urgent tool-related issues, please call the EBIT Help Desk at (860) 433-HELP

INTERNAL PIPE WELDING CAREER INFO

JOIN US AT AN INTERNAL CAREER TABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PIPE WELDING OPPORTUNITIES HERE AT QUONSET POINT!

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CONSIDER A NEW CAREER PATH AT EB!



CAREER TABLE 2PM-3PM

FEBRUARY 20th
BUILDING 2006 WELD SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 22nd
BUILDING 9A MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Welding Job Posting

AFC Welding Technician

AFC Welders are skilled welders that build the outer hull of the Virginia and Columbia Class Nuclear Powered Submarines by encompassing both manual and mechanized pulse/spray welding processes along with shipfitting and metal fabrication functions.

Duties may include fabricating frames/cylinders to produce the pressure hull that are ready for outfitting functions; through the use of our variety of hydraulic fixtures.

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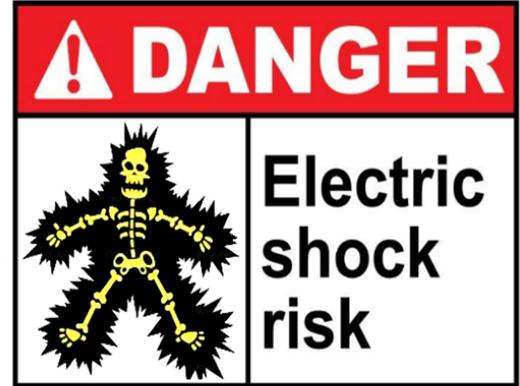


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02/11/2024 – 02/17/2024



ELECTRICITY WILL TAKE THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE

USING DAMAGED EQUIPMENT OR NOT USING THE PROPER PPE INCREASES THE RISK THAT THE PATH WILL INCLUDE YOU!



NO THIS IS NOT THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL FOR ELECTRIC SHOCK, BUT IT SHOULD BE!

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EBP-02852: EB has established health and safety as the company's number one priority.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE WORLD'S BEST SHIPBUILDERS



ELECTRIC BOAT QUONSET POINT EST. NOVEMBER 23, 1973

Electric Boat Quonset Point is currently celebrating its 50th year of operations after coming into existence on November 23, 1973 after the Quonset Naval Air Station closed its doors. To recognize this milestone during our facility's golden anniversary, we are planning on different ways to commemorate and highlight 50 years, so be on the lookout for historical facts, photos, and other announcements on EBTVs across the facility, EB Landing, and of course, here in the WIB.

Here's to celebrating 50 years of the world's greatest shipbuilders that continue to deliver the advantage that protects our sailors, our families, and our freedom!

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