

Alternate Measures of Control (AMC) for Fine Screens (2) Confined Space Entries Medium Hazard Atmosphere

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Alternate Measures Submission Elements:

1. The two confined spaces are rectangular concrete channels that each house fine screen equipment. The channels are 1.2 m wide x 1.7m deep. There are two adjacent concrete channels, the inlet (upstream) channel and the outlet (Downstream) channel. The inlet (Upstream) channel is gravity feed from the Influent screw pumps and is typical of municipal raw wastewater (Typical water level (TWL) 600 mm). The outlet channel (downstream) is gravity feed from downstream of fine screens (TWL 400 mm).
2. The space is isolated by:
 - a. The inlet gravity feed channel has a Armtec 1200mm x 1700mm aluminum in channel mounted gate for each fine screen (2). They were installed in 2012, and are exercised at a minimum annually (no provision for double block and bleed or blanking). Drawing attached. The total head pressure of water from the upstream channel to the bottom of fine screen channel is 700 mm or <1 psi of head pressure
 - b. The outlet gravity feed channels (2) have 1200mm x 1700 mm Armtec in channel mounted hand pull gates. They were installed in 2012 and are exercised at a minimum annually (no provision for double block and bleed or blanking). Drawing attached. The total head pressure of water from the upstream channel to the bottom of fine screen channel is 500 mm or <1 psi of head pressure.
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4. Hazards to be addressed see the attached HIRA. The characteristic of the water on both the upstream and downstream side is that of typical raw municipal wastewater. No work will be performed that will contribute to the likelihood of material flowing into the space
5. Alternate Measures;

- The analysis of valves as a control measure should assume that all valves leak. However, there is no expectation that a properly installed and maintained valve will fail catastrophically if no work is being performed on it. It is recognized that systems will often permit some leakage; a means of pumping out the fluid will be undertaken.
- Any potential leakage from the upstream gate will be visually checked every 20 minutes by the standby person. The water level in the upstream channel will be continuously monitored with a local audio/visual high level float set to 1.2 m while space is occupied. If the water level rises above 1.2 m the alarm will sound and a light will flash (leaving 500mm of freeboard). The confined space will be evacuated and the issue will be addressed prior to re-entry.



- Any potential leakage from the downstream gate will be visually checked every 20 minutes by the standby person. The water level in the downstream channel will be continuously monitored with a local audio/visual high level float set to 1.2 m while space is occupied, if the water level rises above 1.2 m the alarm will sound and light will flash (leaving 500mm of freeboard) and the confined space will be evacuated and the issue will be addressed prior to re-entry.
 - See medium hazard entry procedure for ventilation and atmospheric monitoring requirements
 - Communication will be verbal between worker and stand-by person. The stand-by person will have radio and cell phone contact
 - See attached emergency procedures
6. Workers will be orientated to this AMC and required to sign off on their orientation
 7. AMC will be supervised by AWWTP Supervisor and regular visits documented
 8. Time frame that the AMC is needed is 3 years, with annual engineering reviews

