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## eTools Construction eTool

Construction eTool						
Trenching and Excavation » Guide for Daily Inspection of Trenches and Excavations						
Project:						
Weather:						
Soil Type:						
Type of Protective System:						
Date:						
Trench Depth:						
Width:						
Length:						
Yes	No	NA	Excavation			
0	0	0	Excavations and Protective Systems inspected by Competent Person daily, before start of work.			
0	0	0	Competent Person has authority to remove workers from excavation immediately.			
0	0	0	Surface encumbrances supported or removed.			
0	0	0	Employees protected from loose rock or soil.			
0	0	0	Hard hats worn by all employees.			
0	0	0	Spoils, materials, and equipment set back a minimum of 2' from edge of excavation.			
0	0	0	Barriers provided at all remote excavations, wells, pits, shafts, etc.			
0	0	0	Walkways and bridges over excavations 6' or more in depth equipped with guardrails.			
0	0	0	Warning vests, or other highly visible PPE provided and worn by all employees exposed to vehicular traffic.			
0	0	0	Employees prohibited from working or walking under suspended loads.			

Yes	No	NA	Excavation				
0	0	0	Employees prohibited from working on faces of sloped or benched excavations above other employees.				
0	0	0	Warning system established and used when mobile equipment is operating near edge of excavation.				
Yes	No	NA	Utilities				
0	0	0	Utility companies contacted and/or utilities located.				
0	0	0	Exact location of utilities marked when near excavation.				
0	0	0	Underground installations protected, supported, or removed when excavation is open.				
Yes	No	NA	Wet Conditions				
0	0	0	Precautions taken to protect employees from accumulation of water.				
0	0	0	Water removal equipment monitored by Competent Person.				
0	0	0	Surface water controlled or diverted.				
0	0	0	Inspection made after each rainstorm.				
Yes	No	NA	Hazardous Atmosphere				
0	0	0	Atmosphere tested when there is a possibility of oxygen deficiency or build-up of hazardous gases.				
0	0	0	Oxygen content is between 19.5% and 21%.				
0	0	0	Ventilation provided to prevent flammable gas build-up to 20% of lower explosive limit of the gas.				
0	0	0	Testing conducted to ensure that atmosphere remains safe.				
0	0	0	Emergency Response Equipment readily available where a hazardous atmosphere could or does exist.				
0	0	0	Employees trained in the use of Personal Protective and Emergency Response Equipment.				
0	0	0	Safety harness and life line individually attended when employees enter deep confined excavation.				
Signatu	Signature of Competent Person: Date:						

