

## **Areas Where Cutting and Welding Are Prohibited**

According to 29 CFR 1910.252(a)(2)(vi)(A-D), OSHA prohibits cutting and welding in the following areas:

- Areas not authorized by management;
- In buildings protected by a sprinkler system while such protection is impaired;
- In the presence of explosive atmospheres (mixtures of flammable gases, vapors, liquids, or dusts with air), or explosive atmospheres that may develop inside uncleaned or improperly prepared tanks or equipment which have previously contained such materials, or that may develop in areas with an accumulation of combustible dusts;
- In areas near the storage of large quantities of exposed, readily ignitable materials such as bulk sulfur, baled paper, or cotton.