

HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

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Best Practice and Standards

This page asks about program efforts that exceed compliance requirements.

1.) What percentage of noise control opportunities identified in the past year have been implemented?

0-29% 30-59% 60-69% 70-79% 80-89% 90-100%

2.) What percentage of process, equipment, and work activity changes in the past year triggered noise exposure measurements within one month of the change?

0-29% 30-59% 60-69% 70-79% 80-89% 90-100%

3.) When your employees take the training post-test, what percentage score greater than 90%?

0-29% 30-59% 60-69% 70-79% 80-89% 90-100% We don't have a training post-test.

4.) What percent of noise-exposed workers receive one-on-one instruction to optimize selection and fit of HPDs at job entry?

0-29% 30-59% 60-69% 70-79% 80-89% 90-100%

5.) During a typical plant walk-through, what percent of plant personnel are using hearing protection in required areas?

0-29% 30-59% 60-69% 70-79% 80-89% 90-100%

6.) What percent of audiometric technicians are CAOHC certified?

0-29% 30-59% 60-69% 70-79% 80-89% 90-100%

7.) During the last year of testing, what percentage of employees with a threshold shift had a repeat test within 30 days to confirm?

- 0-29% 30-59% 60-69% 70-79% 80-89% 90-100%

8.) Among your noise-exposed employees tested last year, what was your rate of confirmed recordable hearing shifts?

- 1% or less Greater than 1% but less than 2% 2% or greater

9.) Has a training program been instituted for all employees in the hearing conservation program?

- Yes No Not Sure

10.) Is the training done annually?

- Yes No Not Sure

11.) Does the training include information on the effects of noise on hearing?

- Yes No Not Sure

12.) Does your baseline and annual training include information on the purpose, advantages and disadvantages of hearing protectors?

- Yes No Not Sure

13.) Does the training include instruction on selection, fitting and care of hearing protectors?

- Yes No Not Sure

14.) Does the training include information on the purpose of audiometric testing and an explanation of test procedures?

- Yes No Not Sure

15.) Have all work areas been evaluated to determine if noise monitoring is warranted?

- Yes No Not Sure

16.) Have sound level measurements been taken in areas suspected of having noise levels that exceed those specified in [OSHA Table G-16](#)?

- Yes No Not Sure

17.) Has a noise monitoring program been developed and implemented?

Yes No Not Sure

18.) Has 8-hour noise monitoring been done of employees performing jobs in noisy areas or working with loud equipment to identify which employees to include in a hearing conservation program?

Yes No Not Sure

19.) Is noise monitoring repeated when there is a change in equipment or controls?

Yes No Not Sure

20.) Are employees notified of the results of the noise monitoring?

Yes No Not Sure

21.) Is audiometric testing provided, at no cost, to all employees whose exposure is equal to or exceeds an 8-hour time weighted average of 85 dba?

Yes No Not Sure

22.) Are baseline audiograms given within 6 months of an employee's first exposure to noise levels equal or exceeding the action level?

Yes No Not Sure

23.) Are annual audiograms provided to employees in the hearing conservation program?

Yes No Not Sure

24.) Are audiograms administered, reviewed and evaluated by competent trained personnel?

Yes No Not Sure

25.) Are annual audiograms compared to the baseline to determine if a standard threshold shift has occurred in an employee's hearing?

Yes No Not Sure

26.) Are problem audiograms reviewed by an audiologist, otolaryngologist or physician to determine if further action is necessary?

Yes No Not Sure

27.) Has proper hearing protection been identified and provided at no cost to the employees?

Yes No Not Sure

28.) Does the supervisor ensure that proper hearing protectors are worn by the affected employees?

Yes No Not Sure

29.) Is a variety of protectors provided for the employees to choose?

Yes No Not Sure

30.) Have the employees been trained in the proper use and care of the protectors?

Yes No Not Sure

31.) Is a copy of the OSHA noise standard posted in the workplace?

Yes No Not Sure

32.) Is a copy of all noise exposure measurements retained for two years?

Yes No Not Sure

33.) Are audiometric test records retained for the duration of the affected employee's employment plus thirty years?

Yes No Not Sure

34.) Are all records relating to an employees noise exposure provided to that employee or employee representative upon request?

Yes No Not Sure